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Thatcher 'truly disarms' critics

LONDON, Jan. 1 (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher called herself a "true disarmament" in a television interview Friday, and said that if the Soviet Union removed its missiles from Europe, "we need have no U.S. Cruise or Pershing deployment here."

The prime minister spoke with military disarmament critics and said, "I want disarmament on both sides. I want it not only for nuclear, but for conventional weapons as well."

Then she added: "If the Soviet Union took down their SS20s, we need have no Cruise or Pershing deployed here."

The United States is to deploy 572 of both types of missiles in Britain next year.

"But we are all disarmers. Some people want one-sided disarmament that is the unilateralist and that would leave freedom and justice vulnerable to any attacker."

"Most of us want disarmament on all sides in a way that is balanced. It is the government job to see the country is properly defended. You can never let down your guard," she said.

Troops patrol S. Indian city

NEW DELHI, Jan. 1 (R) — Police and troops maintained a tight grip on the riot-hit city of Trivandrum in southern India Saturday and state-run All India Radio reported that the situation there was under control.

Police reinforcements rushed to the southern state of Kerala late Friday night when street violence in Trivandrum, the regional capital, spread to the port of Cochin, 200 kilometers up the coast.

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Britain's nationality act comes into force

LONDON, Jan. 1 (AP) — Britain's controversial nationality act, which spells out just who among the empire's multi-hued peoples is eligible for citizenship, took effect Saturday in a tangle of new rules that opponents call racist and supporters call sensible.

The act, a principal feature of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's election platform, creates three separate categories of British subjects to replace the old citizenship of the United Kingdom and colonies.

In so doing, it consigns some 4.5 million of her majesty's loyal subjects — most of them non-white, the majority in Hong Kong — to a limbo of citizenship without any right of living in mainland Britain.

It also ends the seven-century-old legal tradition of "ius soli," or "right of the soil," by which any child born in Britain automatically was eligible for citizenship.

"We are doing nothing new in suggesting our citizenship should be given a better idea of where people actually belong," said Home Secretary William Whitelaw in January 1981 when the legislation was introduced in parliament. He called it a long-needed rationalization of the laws.

But opponents called it a blunt message to non-whites to keep out of the Britain mainland. "The act will result in injustice, greatly increase the number of stateless men, women and children, create uncertainties and feelings of insecurity and exacerbate racial tensions," said Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie, spiritual leader of the established Church of England.

Adds Ann Dummett, whose action group on immigration and nationality vowed Saturday to fight the new law: "It is being seen even by people who won't be worse off as a gesture against them."

Under the new rules, all citizens of Britain, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man plus colonies "closely connected" with Britain become British citizens, with the right to live in Britain and pass this right on to their children.

By special vote, the 1,800 residents of the Falkland Islands were included in this category following the war last summer to reclaim the colony from Argentina. In an earlier vote Gibraltar — the disputed rock at the southern tip of Spain — and its 30,000 people gained the top status. The other two, lesser categories have no automatic right of residence.

Citizens of British dependent territories include some 3 million people in Hong Kong, Bermuda, Belize, the British Virgin Islands and a handful of other far-flung island and Antarctic territories.

A unit of 400 men from the tough border security force was sent to Cochin after an angry crowd of 1,500 persons attacked a police patrol there with stones, acid, flaming torches and fire-crackers, police sources said.

Twelve persons, including nine policemen, were injured.

More reinforcements arrived Saturday morning and All-India Radio quoted the Cochin police chief as saying the town was now calm. But the Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency reported from Cochin that police were combing part of the town for arms.

In Trivandrum, where rampaging mobs set fire to more than 200 shops, market stalls, cars and houses Thursday, offices were open and life was getting back to normal in almost all districts except the commercial center.

Troops sent to quell the riots were patrolling sensitive areas of the town. The radio said the situation there was under control and there had been no fresh incidents.

The unrest was set off by the killing of a Muslim Tuesday when a religious procession clashed with police in the Kerala town of Alleppey. Protests in both Trivandrum and Cochin erupted into street fighting, with the police bearing the brunt of the attacks.

The violence came just ahead of local assembly elections the nearby south Indian states of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh Jan. 5.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, campaigning in Andhra Pradesh, sent her adviser P.C. Alexander to Trivandrum for consultations with regional government officials.

Muslims are the third largest community in Kerala after Christians and Hindus.

6 whites killed Violence rocks Harare

HARARE, Jan. 1 (R) — The new year dawned in an atmosphere of violence here Saturday with 6 white persons killed and two taken hostage by dissidents opposed to the government of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe.

The attacks took place on New Year's eve, a few hours before Mugabe appealed for a peaceful New Year in a nationwide broadcast — and promised death to the dissidents.

The gunmen struck at about 11 a.m., police and relatives of the victims — all of them whites — reported.

They ambushed a car some 20 km (12 miles) west of Bulawayo, cutting down a white farmer, his children aged two and four, his brother-in-law, a friend and a black security guard, police said.

In the other attack, men calling themselves Zipra forces took well-known white farmer Benjie Williams, in his 70s, and his grandson David Bilang, 22, hostage some 100 km (60 miles) north of Bulawayo, relatives told reporters.

They demanded political concessions from Mugabe, just as had other gunmen calling themselves Zipra forces when they took six foreign tourists hostage five months ago. They too struck on the Victoria Falls-Bulawayo highway — as did Friday's killers.

Zipra is the guerrilla army of Matabeleland-based opposition leader Joshua Nkomo in the Rhodesian civil war which preceded Zimbabwe's independence in 1980.

The government as blamed elements of Nkomo's ZAPU Party for a wave of violence over the past 10 months in Matabeleland which has claimed more than 100 lives, all but 15 blacks.

The trouble broke out after Mugabe sacked Nkomo from his coalition on allegations that he was plotting a coup. Top Nkomo military advisers, Lieutenant-General Masuku and Dumiso Dabengwa, were arrested and farms belonging to ZAPU confiscated by the state.

Relatives of Williams and Bilang said the pair had been forced to write a note saying they would be freed when Mugabe returned the confiscated property. It added the hostages would not be killed.

The men who took two British, two American and two Australian tourists hostage last July demanded the return of the property and the release of General Masuku and Dabengwa.

Discord over leadership Portugal crisis deepens

LISBON, Jan. 1 (R) — Portugal's political crisis deepened Saturday when the Christian Democrats lost their second leader in 48 hours over efforts to form a new right-wing coalition government.

Basilio Horta, acting head of Portugal's third largest party, announced his resignation early Saturday, saying he could not support the new prime minister chosen by the Christian Democrats' partners in the ruling alliance.

Horta took over the party last Thursday after the president and founder of the Christian Democrats, Prof. Diogo Freitas do Amaral, stepped down for the same reasons.

Outgoing Prime Minister Francisco Pinto Balsemão Friday night formally proposed former Education Minister Vitor Pereira Crespo as his successor.

The conservative press Saturday portrayed the right-wing parties which have ruled Portugal for the last three years as having entered 1983 in complete disarray.

The right-wing daily *O Dia*, which reflects the views of Christian Democrat hardliners, said in a banner headline that the three-party alliance had "begun the new year under a suspended death sentence."

"With the resignation of yet another leader, the alliance has become a puppet, a grotesque caricature of the coalition which won a solid majority in parliament," *O Dia* said, adding that any government formed by Prof. Pereira Crespo would be weak and ephemeral and could only harm the country.

The resignation of Horta, minister of trade and agriculture in the outgoing government, followed the defeat of a motion he had tabled before his party's national council urging the Christian Democrats to reject the professor's name.

New York heralds New Year with a bang

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 (R) — Four bombs exploded at police and government buildings here Friday night, seriously injuring three policemen as millions of New Yorkers prepared to welcome the New Year.

A fifth bomb was found before it went off, and police were examining it Saturday for clues to the identity of the attackers. A caller to a radio station claimed responsibility for the blasts in the name of the FALN, a guerrilla group seeking Puerto Rican independence from the United States.

The FALN — Armed Forces of National Liberation — says it has set off more than 100 bombs in U.S. cities since 1974. Friday night's four blasts came within 90 minutes of each other.

The bombs exploded at police headquarters, the Metropolitan Correctional Center — a detention building — across the street, a nearby federal office building and at a federal court building over the East River in Brooklyn.

New York Police Commissioner Robert McGuire told reporters that one officer lost his left leg below the knee as a result of the blast at police headquarters.

The commissioner said two bomb squad detectives were hurt when another of the devices went off as they were lifting a steel mesh blast shield off it.

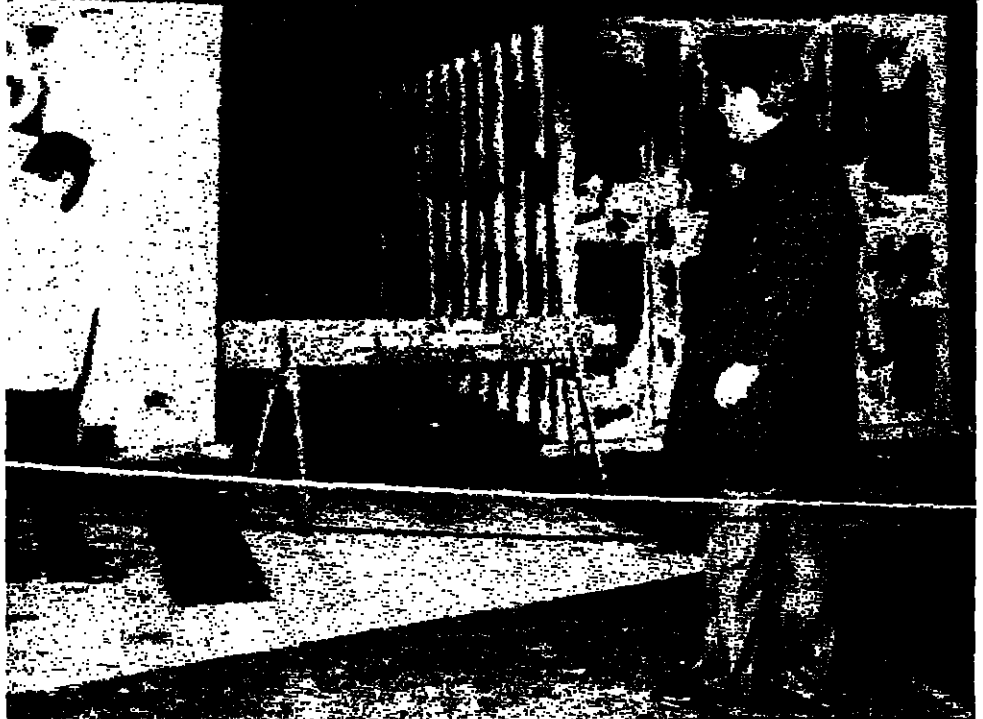
One of the detectives suffered extensive damage to his eyes and may have been blinded and made deaf. He also lost the fingers of his right hand. The other detective was burned. A fourth policeman was slightly hurt in one of the blasts.

The unexploded bomb was found near police headquarters. It was defused and removed to a special disposal site for study and eventual detonation. Commissioner McGuire said the disarmed bomb contained four sticks of dynamite, a battery and a pocket watch.

Damage from the four explosions was described as extensive, but no estimates of cost were immediately available.

The bombs went off as hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers gathered to celebrate the New Year at Times Square, just over five kilometers from police headquarters. More revellers filled the streets, bars and restaurants.

The FALN has claimed responsibility for more than 100 bombings in the New York area, in Chicago and in Washington. Five persons have been killed in the attacks, four of them when a bomb went off at Fraunces Tavern, a popular restaurant in New York's financial Wall Street area in 1975.



WARY OF DEVICE: Police detectives in New York watch with suspicion a device found near police headquarters on Friday night. Four powerful bombs ripped through police headquarters and three federal buildings in Lower Manhattan and Brooklyn on Friday.

Soviets step into '83 bubbling with confidence

MOSCOW, Jan. 1 (AP) — The Communist Party leadership, in a message to the Soviet people, expressed confidence for 1983 despite problems in the past year and reiterated Moscow's policy of "striving for peace."

"The international situation was complicated in the past year. Aggressive imperialist circles did not stop their attempts to undermine the policy of détente and push states and peoples to the road of enmity and military confrontation," said the annual message distributed by the official news agency Tass.

The Soviet Union underlined that its forces in Afghanistan were there on a temporary basis but it gave no indication of any withdrawal in the near future.

A statement by the official Soviet news agency Tass appeared aimed at ending speculation in the Western press that the new Kremlin leadership was preparing to put forward fresh policies aimed at solving the three-year-old conflict in Afghanistan.

"Certain politicians and organs of the press... have been disseminating all sorts of allegations about the Soviet Union's policy toward Afghanistan," the statement said.

The statement reiterated the Soviet stance. "The Soviet government has stated more than once that a limited military contingent has been introduced into Afghanistan on a temporary basis and will be withdrawn as soon as the external intervention ends," Tass said.

Tass said that in the United States attempts were being made to link the Afghan problem with U.S.-Soviet relations. "Some are using it even to undermine détente and to justify their militaristic programs," it added.

The statement called for a halt to "foreign intervention" but noted that measures were not being taken to that end. "In reality the opposite is taking place. Some powers behave in such a way as if they were interested in Soviet forces staying in Afghanistan as long as possible."

Western diplomats said the statement made clear that the Soviet Union expected measures to halt arms supplies to Afghan Mujahideen before Moscow made any concessions.

Tass indicated that the Soviet Union would not retreat in the face of international pressure over Afghanistan. It stated plainly that hopes that the Soviet Union will change its attitude toward Afghanistan were illusory. "The Soviet Union will do its internationalist duty to the end in defending Afghanistan against foreign armed intervention," it said.

Tass added that Washington and countries neighboring on Afghanistan had the possibility in deeds rather than in words to show interest in removing tension.

It said the path to a political settlement was open and talks being conducted through the medium of the United Nations could bring qualitative progress. But it added that it was necessary to conduct talks with the Kabul government.

U.N. Envoy Diego Cordovez, who has acted as an intermediary in indirect talks

Banks on pullout talks Gemayel pledges to free Lebanon

BEIRUT, Jan. 1 (AP) — President Amin Gemayel pledged in an address to the nation Friday night to restore Lebanon's sovereignty through the current negotiations with Israel and the United States for the withdrawal of all foreign armies from Lebanon.

"These negotiations are aimed at reinstating Lebanon's sovereignty and the dignity of the Lebanese citizen," said the 40-year-old president in his address on Lebanon's national television station.

Asserting that no part of Lebanon's 10,492-square-kilometer (4,015-square-mile) territory would be abandoned, Gemayel said "Lebanon has not enough space for us. So how can we squeeze ourselves in part of it?"

He called on his four million countrymen to rally around their fledgling army, pledging that it would establish control over the whole of Beirut and the whole of Lebanon.

This was apparently an assurance to the nation's Muslim leaders that the army would shortly move into and establish control over Christian-populated East Beirut, where Christian militiamen of Gemayel's Phalangist Party still are in control.

Following last September's evacuation of the Palestine Liberation Organization from Muslim-populated West Beirut, the army launched massive raids on various Muslim neighborhoods and disarmed leftist militias that were allied with the PLO.

Muslim political and spiritual leaders have lately been outspokenly critical of the army's failure to take control of East Beirut despite the presence of a 14,200-man multinational force of American marines and French and Italian paratroopers supporting it.

"We shall forget soon about an east and west Beirut," said the Christian president. "The army will be in every Beirut neighborhood."

Gemayel said Israel's invasion of Lebanon last June had inflicted 10 billion Lebanese pounds (\$2.5 billion) worth of material losses, of which Beirut sustained two billion pounds (\$500 million) alone.

This, he said, compounded the treasury's accumulated deficit of 13.5 billion pounds (\$4.3 billion) at a time when it needs to urgently provide 125,000 housing units for war-displaced citizens costing 30 billion pounds (\$7.5 billion).

Gemayel said Arab, European and other friendly nations would team up in 1983 with the World Bank and other banking institutions in a "Marshall-type plan to salvage the Lebanese economy."

Along with this, he said, he would soon set up a "national reconstruction fund" to which wealthy Lebanese immigrants and residents



President Amin Gemayel would contribute, as well as friendly Arab countries.

"I am not scared by the monumental deficit or losses," Gemayel said. "We shall be capable of overcoming the financial problems as well as other problems. The reconstruction program will put into execution soon."

Gemayel's address was part of a 45-minute program, most of which consisted of film shot on location throughout Lebanon and featuring emotional appeals from local residents over a better future.

"There is no water. There is no electricity. There is no telephone; if someone is ill, there is no hospital," a middle-aged woman said wearily, seated on a well-worn sofa in Lebanon's northernmost Akkar region.

This theme was repeated throughout the program, the words uttered by Muslim farmers in southern Lebanon, Druze elders in the Chouf mountains and Christian villagers in the north.

As if to underline the presence of foreign military forces in Lebanon, there were scenes from Tripoli in the Syrian-controlled north, Nabatieh in the Israeli-occupied south and Baalbeck in eastern Lebanon where Iranian Revolutionary Guards have opened offices.

Islamic common market proposed

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 1 (R) — Turkey has proposed to Pakistan and other Islamic countries that an Islamic common market should be set up, Pakistani Finance Minister Ghulam Ishaq Khan said here Saturday when he returned from a visit to Turkey.

Khan, who attended meetings of a Pakistan-Turkish joint ministerial commission in Ankara, told reporters that Turkish Prime Minister Bulend Uslu made the proposal when he met him earlier this week.

He said he agreed with Uslu that Islamic countries should take prompt steps to strengthen their cooperation to achieve the goal of a common market.

China weekly turns over a new leaf

PEKING, Jan. 1 (R) — China's official weekly Beijing (Peking) Review apologized to readers Saturday for deliberately misinforming them during the cultural revolution and promised to tell the truth in future.

During the 1966-76 period, the English language publication said in a new year message, its best editors were forced to work full time sweeping floors and cleaning toilets.

From 1979 it had been trying to put things right, the Review reported, adding: "the tendency to embellish reality, to overstate, or to write without much substantive content has been, may we hope, overcome to a great extent."

Out-going Taipei envoy sees stronger bilateral cooperation emerging

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Jan. 1 — The new year brings in its wake a new era of bilateral cultural, economic and technical cooperation between the Republic of China and the Kingdom, according to Ambassador Yu-chi Hsueh.

The joint commission on cultural cooperation is likely to meet in March and economic and technical cooperation will be discussed in April, Hsueh said.

He told Arab News in an interview prior to his transfer to the Republic of Korea that the venues and dates for these conferences will be worked out soon.

Hsueh, who will be leaving soon to assume his new ambassadorial post after an eight-year stint here, said regular exchanges of scholars, professors and students between the two countries have been envisaged in the oncoming new era of cultural cooperation.

"Also, we'll hold a Saudi Arabian cultural week in our country and in exchange hold our week here," Hsueh said.

The joint commission on economic and technical cooperation will further solidify the mutual cooperation between the two countries and explore the prospects of coming closer still.

Hsueh mentioned that his country's joint venture fertilizer plant in Jubail has already been completed and will soon go into production with its existing 500,000-ton-a-year capacity.

"We have government-to-government cooperation on a commercial basis. We provide technical services as well," he said, adding that 10,000 of his country's workforce, including 3,000 permanent Muslim residents, live in the Kingdom.

Asked how trade grew between the two countries during his eight-year ambassadorial tenure, Hsueh said: "When I first arrived in the Kingdom early in 1975, the volume of two-way trade between the two countries at the end of the previous year already stood at \$196 million. It has since grown rapidly 12 times to \$2.4 billion at the end of 1981."

"The volume of import from his country alone has grown from \$60 million in 1974 to \$606 million in 1981, representing a 10-time increase," he said. "It's estimated to be around \$800 million when the final figures for the whole of the year are available."

The cooperation between the two countries covers a wide range of fields. The teams of the two countries are working closely together in the development of agriculture, industry, electric power, road transportation, science and technology. There is also cooperation in the more important medical services, education and culture fields.

"Chinese engineering companies are engaged in the construction of buildings, roads, highways, industrial estates and airport facilities in the Kingdom, China Airlines

flights between Jeddah and Taipei have also brought the two countries closer for travel and transportation."

Replying to a question on the future scope of the bilateral cooperation, an unassuming Hsueh said: "My country is just one of the developing ones and our capabilities are rather limited. However, out of our gratitude to the Kingdom for its friendship and firm support consistently extended to us, we'll do whatever we can, be it so humble, for the noble Kingdom and will share whatever we have, be it so little, with the brotherly people here."

Referring to the existing relations between the two countries, he said: "They are excellent and continue to grow stronger. Fundamentally, they are based on adherence by both countries to high principles and moral values and on mutual respect and goodwill toward each other."

"These friendly relations are further promoted by close cooperation in a variety of fields to the mutual benefit of both countries," he said. "In the Republic of China, we attach great importance to the friendship of the Kingdom and we find this sentiment fully reciprocated."

Relating his impressions during the eight years of his ambassadorial office here, Hsueh said he has been deeply impressed by many of its outstanding achievements.

"These achievements have been made possible by the wise policy laid down by King Abdul Aziz on the basis of the Islamic principles and faithfully followed by his illustrious successors," Hsueh said.

"It's a successful policy which assures all Saudi Arabian people of good life in prosperity and stability. It contributes to the solidarity among the Arab and Islamic countries and to the peaceful and mutually beneficial cooperation in the international community."

The relations between the two countries have improved greatly, particularly during the last eight years because of the solid foundation laid down by King Faisal and Chiang Kai Shek, which was further consolidated by the King's visit to the Republic in 1971.

"On the basis of this foundation, my country has been given opportunities to participate in the Kingdom's projects and development; the policy allowing us to do what we can for the benefit of the Kingdom; and the united efforts of our people here to work for the betterment of the Kingdom."

He said that throughout the eight happy years here, he has been accorded generous hospitality and gracious support from the Kingdom and its friendly people.

"I feel deeply grateful if, due to these congenial circumstances in all these years, I have been able to make a humble contribution to the further strengthening of the fraternal relations and mutually beneficial cooperation between our two countries," he said.



(Photo by Muhammad Naqvi)
AMBASSADOR HONORED: The Chinese community honored departing Ambassador Yu-chi Hsueh left, during ceremonies which took place on Friday night and at which the ambassador gave a brief history of the Republic of China and said farewell.

Pakistan team arrives today

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Jan. 1 — For the first time, a five-member delegation of leading potato traders and farm owners from Pakistan will arrive in Dhahran on Sunday for a nine-day export promotion tour of the Kingdom, according to Pakistan Embassy Commercial Attache Jalees Siddiqui.

He told Arab News, the mission will be in the Kingdom until Jan. 10 and will meet importers at Dhahran, Riyadh, Madinah, Jeddah and Makkah to collect orders.

They will leave Dhahran on Jan. 4 for

Riyadh, where they will stay on Jan. 5-6, in Madinah on Jan. 7 and Jeddah and Makkah on Jan. 8-10.

"The mission is on a month-long tour of various Middle East countries and after completion of Kingdom's visit they will go to Kuwait, Bahrain, Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Qatar," Siddiqui added.

He said potatoes were previously not allowed to be exported from Pakistan because of the local need. But its export was permitted within prescribed limits three years ago and during the last two years there have been no restrictions on potato exports.

60 percent of 'floating equity' offered for public subscription

RIYADH, Jan. 1 — More new companies shares will be floated for public subscription. Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Zamil deputy commerce minister told Al-Jazirah Saturday.

On the top of the list there are a drugs company, national industries companies and agricultural marketing companies. Al-

Zamil added that the ministry aims to absorb much of the floating equity and enable the citizens to invest their savings in a useful way.

The deputy minister went on to say that he hopes more and more citizens will subscribe for some 60 percent of the shares will be allotted to the public.

King Fahd's participation seen as peace harbinger

RIYADH, Jan. 1 (SPA) — King Fahd's participation in the non-aligned summit due to be held in March in New Delhi will give new momentum to the movement's efforts to resolve longstanding issues in the Middle East by peaceful means, an Indian official was quoted as saying in an interview published Saturday.

Romesh Bhandari, undersecretary for foreign affairs, told Al-Bilad that the summit would review the Middle East question, the security and stability of the Indian Ocean, African problems and the Kampuchea issue as well as the north-south dialogue.

He praised King Fahd's political weight in international forums and his political role in

solving important international issues. Bhandari said the Indian government understood the importance of pursuing efforts to settle the Middle East problem and enable the Palestinian people to recover their usurped rights.

GCC keen on quick end of Gulf war

RIYADH, Jan. 1 (SPA) — Member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) will continue their untiring efforts to bring about a peaceful settlement to the Iraq-Iran conflict, the council's Secretary-General Abdullah Bishara was quoted as saying in an interview published Saturday.

He told Al-Madinah that all six GCC states were keen to find a quick end to this war of attrition in order to preserve the common interests of the states of the region.

"Moreover, the continuation of the war will provide an easy opportunity for foreign powers to intervene in the domestic affairs of the region," he added.

Bishara who visited Tunisia recently said that his trip came in response to an invitation extended to him by the Arab League secretary-general Cheddi Klibi to exchange views on areas of cooperation between the two organizations.

During the visit, Bishara said, it was agreed to exchange trips, studies and information. Also the two organizations should work toward adopting similar stands that are of concern to the Arab world and that should be arranged the secretariats of the two organizations.

Another goal of the visit, Bishara went on, is to see to the developments of the Arab League and how to strengthen the ties between the two.



(Photo by Ghassan Faruqi)
WINTER PLUMAGE: The mid-day sun peeps through the branches of a fully grown Palm tree at Corniche here. The tree demonstrates what the final effect of the afforestation movement, which is currently on, could be.

Killer beheaded

NAJRAN, Jan. 1 (SPA) — A murderer was sentenced to death here Friday. An interior ministry announcement said that Yahia ibn Ali Khawlani, a Yemeni, was beheaded for killing Ali ibn Jaffar over a dispute between them.

SR1.8m allotted for improving mosques

DAMMAM, Jan. 1 (SPA) — SR1.8 million has been allotted by the Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments, Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasie, for fencing and leveling the two praying areas in Qatif and Oaisoumah. Two national companies will handle the job.

W. Province phone performance tallied

JEDDAH, Jan. 1 (SPA) — More than 9,300,000 long distance calls were dialed from Saudi Arabia over the past 12 months. Rabie Dahlan, Saudi Telephone and Telex director for the Western Province said Saturday. Local calls during the same period totaled 1,550,000,000. Inter-city calls came

Exploded water pipes inundate Taif street

TAIF, Jan. 1 — Three water pipes at a street of Al-Sharqiyah district exploded and inundated the area, filling and covering streets and flowing to the end of the street where Al-Murhanna ibn Haretha intermediate school is located Al-Madinah reported Saturday. Preliminary results of an inquiry showed that the pipes broke from the effect of rust and subterranean salts.

Women's library opened, men's section soon

TAIF, Jan. 1 — A women's library has been opened at King Faisal Hospital and another one strictly for men will be opened within the coming few days. Okaz reported.

Prince Khaled ibn Abdullah, the deputy commander of the National Guard for the Western Province, has given a large number

up to 150 million.

Dahlan said that the number of telephones now totals one million. In addition to some 1,000 car phones. Subscribers can now dial their calls automatically to 127 countries by using the double zero system. There are also more than 15,000 telexes, according to the official who added that there are more than 350,000 telephone lines and 6,500 telex lines in the Western Province.

School deals awarded

BAHA, Jan. 1 — Contracts totaling SR38,937,793 were commissioned by Rasheed ibn Saleh ibn Khanin, the president for girls education in Saudi Arabia, to build schools in Al-Qasim. Al-Jazirah reported Saturday. The contracts will be carried out by national companies.

of valuable books to both libraries. The Taif Endowments Department gave 500 copies of the Holy Quran. At the same time, the hospital administration brought 500 carpets to give every patient a Holy Quran and a carpet to pray.

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King cables Numeiri
RIYADH, (SPA) — King Fahd have cabled Saturday president Jaffar Numeiri of Sudan on the occasion of Sudan's independence day. The King wished the president health and continued progress.

Abdullah receives Shaban
RIYADH, (SPA) — Crown Prince Abdullah ibn Abdul Aziz received here Saturday General Hameed Shaban, advisor to president Saddam Hussein.

Islamic delegates
MADINAH, (SPA) — The Chinese Islamic delegation visited the Islamic University here Saturday and met its secretary-general Omer Muhammad Fallata. During the meeting the help the university can offer in establishing the Islamic center in Taipei and three mosques in various Chinese cities were discussed. The delegation inspected the university's activities and facilities.

Donations Committee
RIYADH, (SPA) — A donations committee for collecting donations for the victims of the earthquakes in Yemen has been established in Zulfi town at the directions of Prince Salman, governor of Riyadh.

MWL receives donation
MAKKAH, (SPA) — The Muslim World League here received Saturday a \$5,000 donation from Hashir Farouk, an Arab citizen who lives in England. The donation is intended to strengthen the Palestinians stand against the Zionists.

Ulema begin sessions
RIYADH, (SPA) — The council of Saudi Arabia's senior ulema (religious scholars) began its 21st ordinary session here Saturday. The session is chaired by Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Baz, the president of the Islamic Guidance, Proselytisation and Jurisdiction Department.

Lecture Sunday
JEDDAH, (SPA) — Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Ansari, head of the archaeology department at King Abdul Aziz University will give a lecture Sunday evening here at the university on writing the history of the peninsula.

Horse race
RIYADH, (SPA) — The eleventh Arab horse race will be held here next Monday. The horse will make five runs and will be competing on SR70,000 prizes.

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Electronic leaders plan latest product display

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Jan. 1 — Al-Haraby Company has organized its first Middle East electronics and electronics exhibition at the Jeddah Expo Center on Feb. 5-9, according to the company's Exhibition Division Manager George Chamieh.

He told Arab News, "It will be as big as the recent Middle East Construction Exhibition held at the same place and over 90 percent of the space in all the five pavilions has been booked so far by leading manufacturers and distributors of related products from the United States, Western Europe, the Middle East and Far Eastern countries."

They will display, under one roof and at one time, products ranging from heavy electrical generating plants to microchips, all the latest developments.

The exhibits are expected to include radio communications; telephony and telegraphy; data communication; optical fiber transmission; aerospace, marine, defense systems; radio and television broadcasting;

sound and vision equipment; measurement and test systems; data processing; alarm and security systems; industrial electronics; computers; word processors; facsimile; components and sub-assemblies.

"This exhibition follows the success of the Middle East Electricity Exhibition organized for the first time at the center in February 1981," Chamieh explained. "Over 200 leading companies from 16 countries took part and attracted a specialist audience of 11,000."

Thirty-seven companies and organizations from Britain will occupy a total net stand space of 770 square meters, will take part in the exhibition as a joint display arranged by the British Electrical and Allied Manufacturers Association in cooperation with the British Overseas Trade Board.

There will be seven subsidiaries at the General Electric company stand. The association will mount an information stand to assist visitors and advise on trade inquiries. Exhibits from the British group will range from control systems to cables of various kinds.



ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY: Latest electronic products and technology appropriate for the fast developing Saudi Arabian market will be on display at the Jeddah Expo Center on Feb. 5-9.

Ambitious development programs provide vast, rewarding markets

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 1 — The ambitious development programs and tremendous financial resources of Saudi Arabia and the surrounding states provide one of the most rewarding markets in the world for electronics manufacturers and their infrastructure. It lends itself readily to the absorption of electronic technology.

This is particularly true in the case of Saudi Arabia, which is currently implementing a \$235 billion Third Five-Year Development Plan 1980-85. This plan provides for the continued development of major projects in every sector, creating a growing requirement for electronics, notably in projects involving telecommunications, information, the expansion and diversification of industry, the development of administrative services and the corresponding expansion of private sector business.

The Kingdom plans to have installed up to 2.8 million telephone lines by 1990 compared with 200,000 by 1978. It also plans to

have completed the world's first nationwide Stored Program Control (SPC) telephone system by that time.

Development of the telex network will be equally impressive, rising from less than 5,000 lines in 1978 to 30,000 lines by 1985. In cooperation with its neighbors, Saudi Arabia will be proceeding with other major telecommunications projects including \$230 million Arabsat project and the intra-Gulf coaxial cable system.

The ministries and security services are now taking advantage of electronics technology to streamline administrative procedures and in 1981 work began on a new National Computer Information Center. The central data bank of this establishment will be linked to regional centers in Jeddah, Taif, Abha, Dammam, Buraidah, Arar and Tabuk.

Demand for electronics technology is equally pronounced in the private sector, and many large companies are investing millions of dollars in office computers, word processors and facsimile transmission.



ISLAMIC PUBLISHERS: The executive committee of Islamiya for Publishing, Distribution and Production Company is shown here during their recent meetings in Jeddah. During the meeting they decided to establish a new Islamic publishing firm and outlined their activities.

SWCC's expansion goes on

11 projects, 7 power stations sanctioned

RIYADH, Jan. 1 (SPA) — The Saline Water Conversion Corporation expects an overall production capacity for all the existing desalting plants in the Kingdom of about 557 million gallons of water and 4,900 megawatts of electric power a day.

At present, 19 stations in Jeddah, Yanbu, Haql, Amlaj, Al-Wajh, Daba, Farasan, Alkhobar, and Al-Khafif produce 151,798,000 gallons of water and 1,380 megawatts of electric power. Eleven more projects under implementation will add 314,840,000 gallons and 2,285 megawatts. And more stations are under study for their eventual establishment in Al-Layth, Al-Qunfuzah, Al-Wah, Jeddah, Mastoura, Shool and Alqasabeyyah to produce 28,180,000 gallons and 270 megawatts. Moreover, some of the existing plants will be expanded.

Foremost among the 1982 achievements was the supply of desalted water to Riyadh from Jubail through two dual 450 kilometer long pipelines with a 60 inch-diameter.

Jubail's overall plan is a two-phased program. The first phase is meant to produce 30 million gallons of water and 300 megawatts of power per day; the second phase 175 million gallons of water and 2,700 megawatts of electricity. From that output, 135 million gallons of water will be channeled to Riyadh.

As soon as the Jubail plant is completed, the overall capacity of desalination plants along the Kingdom's East Coast will increase to 332 million gallons of potable water and 2,400 megawatts a day.

The present overall capacity of the desalting plants at Alkhobar on the East Coast is estimated at 97.5 million gallons and 900 megawatts per day — 7.5 million gallons a day for the first stage, 50 million gallons and 500 megawatts for the second phase and 40 million gallons and 400 megawatts for the third phase.

At the same time, the total capacity of desalting plants along the West Coast at Al-Wajh, Daba, Haql, Amlaj, Shool, Al-Layth, Rabigh, Mastoura, Al-Uqaymeyyah,

Assir, Makkah, Taif and Farasan Island is evaluated at 255 million gallons of water and 2,500 megawatts of electricity per day.

Water is pumped to Madinah through an iron pipeline covering a 176 kilometer distance (with a 32 inch diameter pipe) across the chain of Hijaz mountains, reaching an 800 meter height above sea level in some areas. The water arrives at Yanbu Al-Bahr through a cement asbestos pipeline of a 24 inch diameter.

The first step in the desalination project under Saudi Arabia's Second Five-Year Development Plan was the SR685 million Jeddah desalination plant which began under the reign of King Faisal and completed during the time of King Khalid. The project, whose implementation began in 1975, was geared to produce 10 million gallons of water and 84 megawatts of electricity a day, at a first stage, to cover the urbanization requirements in Jeddah and its outskirts.

That project was followed by what came to be called the Rush Seven Plant Scheme to produce 3.5 million gallons of water a day by reverse osmosis. Next came the expansion of the third phase which became operational in 1979, producing 20 million gallons of water and 200 megawatts of electricity a day. The latter project brought 38.5 million gallons of water and 340 megawatts of electricity to the overall capacity of Jeddah's desalination plants. The volume of drinking water reaching Jeddah thus rose to 53.5 million gallons, including the water from Wadi Fatima, Wadi Khleiss and the desalting plants.

At the middle of 1982, the fourth phase of Jeddah Desalination Plant, which cost SR2,512,000,000 went into operation to produce 50 million gallons of water and 500 megawatts of power per day. The share of Jeddah and its suburbs went up to 88.5 million gallons of water and 840 megawatts of electricity per day.

In Yanbu, the first phase of the Yanbu and Madinah Desalting Plant was opened in 1981 to produce 25 million gallons of water and 250 megawatts of power per day, Madinah

gets 20 million gallons of water and 200 megawatts of power a day. The remaining five million gallons and 50 megawatts to Yanbu Al-Bahr.

Northern province tour continues

TAYMA, Jan. 1 (SPA) — Deputy Defense Minister Prince Abdul Rahman ibn Abdul Aziz paid a visit here Friday as part of the inspection tour he has been conducting in the Northern Province in the last few days. He was received by prince of Tayma Salih Muhammad Al-Bilalhi, the commander of the Northern Military District, Major-General Salih Muhammad Al-Gifali and the commander of King Faisal air base.

Local firm won SR105m construction project contract

RIYADH, Jan. 1 — The Ministry of Pilgrimage and Endowments has awarded a SR105,635,634 contract to a national firm to build a residential compound and a commercial center on Al-Pacha endowment land in Jeddah, the minister, Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasie, said Saturday.

According to Al-Madinah newspaper, the contract, to be carried out over 36 months, calls for structures covering 2,700 square meters from a total 32,939 square meter area. There will be 15 floors with central air-conditioning, hot and cold water and other essentials. Solar energy will be used for other systems. More than 120 cars will be able to park in a two-story basement offering a total 5,400 square meter area.

Meanwhile, a meeting was held at the Rural, municipal cleaning contracts banned

JEDDAH, Jan. 1 — Municipalities and sub-municipalities in major Saudi Arabian cities can sign contracts with various firms to clean their areas but the municipalities of rural areas and smaller districts will, from now on, have to do it themselves. Al-Madinah reported.

New Islamic publishing firm launched

JEDDAH, Jan. 1 — The executive committee of Islamiya for Publishing, Distribution and Production Company met over the weekend here at Tihama head office to discuss company projects.

During the meeting two feasibility studies presented by two national companies were discussed and fields of the proposed activities of the new company were outlined. The committee which met under the chairmanship of Mohsin Ahmad Barrom decided to confine its publishing efforts on major works only and to cooperate with various Islamic publishing houses throughout the Islamic world.

As for distribution, the committee agreed to open regional branches in Muslim countries to undertake the role of distributing publications in collaboration with local agents. On the production side, it was decided to coordinate with presses now available within the Islamic world.

Due attention was given to television and radio production and the committee explored ways of making use of the existing studios in Islamic countries, though it established its own studios.

During the meeting it was finally decided to prepare a memorandum to the secretary general of the Muslim World League, Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan explaining him the steps which have been taken to establish the company and its headquarters.

Al-Mihwa area school district

RIYADH, Jan. 1 (SPA) — Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwaitir decided to establish an educational directorate in Al-Mihwa area to be connected with the ministry directly. The directorate will be empowered to run its own responsibilities. The directorate will look after 88 schools including 56 elementary, seven intermediate schools, 19 elementary schools and three intermediate schools will be separated from Al-Layth directorate and connected with the new one.

Kingdom hosts volleyball games

CASABLANCA, Jan. 1 (SPA) — The Kingdom will host the Young Arabs Volleyball Tournament to be held at the end of this September. The decision was taken by the technical committee of the Arab volleyball union which met here for three days.

Kingdom hosts volleyball games

Instructions to this effect have been given by Prince Miftah, the minister of public works and housing and acting minister of municipalities and rural affairs, to save money for the treasury, upon recommendations contained in the report of a committee of undersecretaries that visited the various regions.

Prayer Times

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Sunday	5:34	5:41	5:12	5:03	5:27	6:01
Fajr (Dawn)	12:25	12:25	11:57	11:43	12:08	12:38
Dhuhr (Noon)	3:30	3:25	2:56	2:40	3:05	3:30
Asr (Afternoon)	5:51	5:46	5:17	5:00	5:25	5:50
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Eight killed in northern Lebanon

Sectarian clashes mar '83 entry

BEIRUT, Jan. 1 (Agencies) — Heavy fighting marred the entry of the new year in the northern Lebanese city of Tripoli where exchanges of arms fire between pro- and anti-Syrian forces began Friday night and were continuing early Saturday, Lebanese national radio reported.

The clashes shattered the 15-day ceasefire that had been arranged Dec. 15 after a visit to the city by Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam.

Reports said eight persons died in Friday's fighting and seven were wounded.

Unlike Beirut, foreign troops have not left Tripoli. The streets of the city were deserted Saturday morning, as residents passed the first day of the year seeking refuge in their homes.

Beirut, too, welcomed 1983 quietly as

inhabitants abstained from their usual custom of firing guns in the air.

The siege of the city over the summer and the bombardment that accompanied the battles between the Israelis and the Palestinians has left numerous families in mourning. 1982, many say, is a year "to bury and to forget."

Many districts of Tripoli, Lebanon's second largest city, were without electricity and there were long queues at bakeries, the radio said.

Voice of Free Lebanon, the radio station of the Lebanese Forces, Christian militia, said five bodies had been found in a car in the city but had not yet been identified.

Militiamen of the pro-Syrian Arab Democratic Party and the anti-Syrian Popular Resistance have been fighting on and off for months in Tripoli, which is under the overall control of the all-Syrian Arab Deterrent Force in Lebanon.

Lebanese television said that in fighting Friday three persons were killed and 20 wounded.

For residents of the troubled Shouf Mountain region east of Beirut, 1982 ended with a spate of killings that left 14 persons dead in the last three days.

The warring factions in the area, the United Christian Militia of the Lebanese Forces and the Druze militants from the progressive Socialist Party (PSP), have denounced the violence and have denied responsibility for it.

Four persons were killed Friday night when an armed group broke into a home in a Christian quarter of Aley, 15 kilometers east of here, press reports said.

On Thursday, three members of a Christian family were murdered on a road near Aley, while a day earlier the bodies of seven members of a Druze family — including children aged five and seven — were found shot.

Arafat attacks Reagan's stand

LONDON, Jan. 1 (AP) — Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat has asked President Ronald Reagan to confirm the Palestinian right to self-determination, the London-based Arabic language magazine *Al-Hawadess* said Friday.

According to the news weekly, Arafat said in an interview to be published Jan. 5, he made the request through Jordan's King Hussein, hoping to gain exile status for the PLO.

Al-Hawadess said the PLO leader committed himself to an Arab peace settlement in the Middle East and said that a meeting with Reagan would not contribute to ending the Arab-Israeli conflict.

He called Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak a "friend," but pointed out that Mubarak has not invited him to visit Egypt yet, the magazine said.

It said Arafat confirmed that Palestinian pilots are taking part in aerial maneuvers over Sanaa, North Yemen.

Arafat also called on "the Jews inside Israel and outside Israel" to "support peace with justice" in the Middle East.

In a message marking the 18th anniversary of the Palestinian revolution, Arafat asked

2 Israeli soldiers

wounded in ambush

TEL AVIV, Jan. 1 (R) — Two Israeli soldiers were wounded Saturday when their vehicle was fired on in an ambush in the Lebanese town of Kfar Sil, south of Beirut, an Israeli Army spokesman said. Israeli soldiers were searching for the attackers.

The wounded soldiers were evacuated to hospital and Israeli forces combed the area for the assailants, the spokesman said.

"freedom lovers the world over" to support the granting to Palestinians of the rights guaranteed to other peoples.

The PLO leader reaffirmed the aim of Palestinians, including "the right of return, the right of self-determination and the right to establish an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital under the leadership of the PLO."

Kurds stranded at Rome airport

ROME, Jan. 1 (AP) — Four Kurdish refugees left Rome for Czechoslovakia Friday but 31 others were still stranded at the city airport for a fourth day after being denied asylum in Yugoslavia, airport officials said.

The group first arrived in Italy from Tehran Dec. 24 and next day went to the Yugoslav city of Dubrovnik where officials refused a demand for political asylum. After 48 hours they were flown back to Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport.

The four, all men, flew to Prague on tourist visas and airport sources said eight other members of the group who had visas to travel to Bulgaria, West Germany or Romania would leave when there were flights to those countries.

The International Red Cross has provided food and blankets for the group which includes seven women and five children. Spokesmen at the Italian Foreign Ministry were not available to say what would happen to the Kurds.

Members of the group who asked not to be identified said they made a 20-day march across mountains from Iraq to Iran to escape persecution and had been under guard in Tehran since August.

Soviet presence in Kabul clouds Zia policy

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 1 (AP) — The Soviet presence in Afghanistan will continue to cloud Pakistani policies in 1983, but pressure will mount to end six years of martial law in Pakistan and return it to civilian rule.

The United States and other European countries almost certainly will continue to support Pakistan through economic, and to some extent, military aid.

This situation arose almost overnight with the Soviet march into neighboring Afghanistan. An estimated 105,000 Soviet troops now occupy that country, and 1983 will mark the fourth year of occupation.

Because of its front line position, Pakistan has been able to secure millions of dollars in international aid. The United States alone has already pledged \$3.2 billion assistance to be spread out over the next six years.

Another issue that is likely to gain more importance is overtures by Pakistan to make peace with its neighbor India. The two countries have fought three wars in the last three decades, and relations today are still marked by deep suspicion.

Despite President Gen. Zia ul-Haq's drive for introduction of Islamic law, Pakistan will continue to seek better relations with the West, particularly the United States.

However, Pakistan will stress the importance of its position as a nonaligned country and spokesman for the Third World.

A grouping of eight opposition parties which have united under one umbrella called the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy, pressing Zia for restoration of democracy. So far Gen. Zia has yielded little on this score, although he has hinted that he intends to hold elections within two years "if conditions are right."

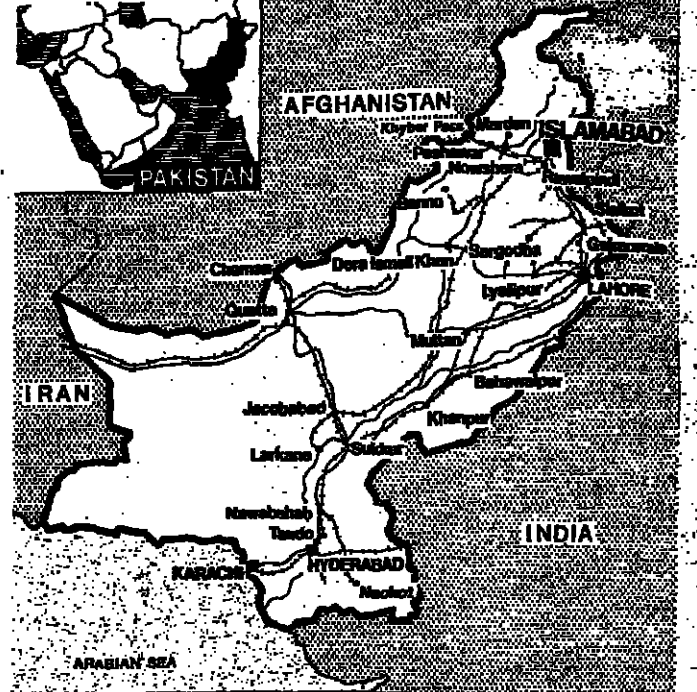
He announced this program just days before he embarked on his Dec. 6 state visit to the United States, which has openly said it would rather deal with a democracy than a military rule.

Zia's human rights record also is regarded as a hot issue with Washington. It is estimated there may be as many as 1,000 political prisoners held in Pakistan.

On Aug. 14, the 35th anniversary of Pakistan's founding, Zia said he intended to announce within one year the "structure for a future government system."

Opposition parties interpret Zia's remark to mean that it will be "Zia's own version of a regulated election."

In addition, Zia has said the military must play a role in any future government, which seems to rule out Western-style democracy for this Muslim nation of 85 million.



Pakistan's 57-year-old chief martial law administrator also is likely to bar the opposition parties from actively stumping in any future elections.

The opposition already is banned from giving statements to the press, and expressing opinion in public and meeting in public places. To do so is to risk arrest.

Yet Zia is haunted by the ghost of former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, whom he allowed to be executed in 1979 after his conviction in a murder-conspiracy case.

Bhutto's name still commands a great following in Pakistan. His name still stands for democracy — and that may be Zia's greatest obstacle in handing over power, whether he abdicates to another general, as seems likely, or initiates the elections process.

Nusrat, widow of Bhutto, warned in an interview published in New Delhi that her country could break up if elections were not held.

She told the Delhi magazine *India Today* of her apprehensions about the future of Pakistan, which has been under martial law since July 1977. Bhutto was hanged in 1979.

Mujahedeen pledge to rock Karmal's boat

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 1 (R) — Afghan Mujahedeen have said they plan to continue attacks on official installations and warned foreigners their safety can no longer be guaranteed.

Reports of their attack to coincide with the third anniversary of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan Dec. 27 were still coming in from travelers and Mujahedeen sources.

The warning to foreign tourists, businessmen and diplomats was issued Thursday by the Yunus Khalis group which is one of the

most active fighting organizations in Afghanistan.

Other resistance groups put their names to the warning Friday and Mujahedeen sources said they planned to maintain the tempo of their attacks for several more weeks.

Travelers' reports confirmed by Western diplomats with access to information inside Afghanistan have listed an attack on Kabul airport, serious disruption of electricity supplies, a possible attack on the Soviet Embassy, and raids on major airfields at Jalalabad near the Pakistan border and an air base north of Kabul.

Afghan refugee sources who closely monitor Afghanistan's official Radio Kabul said the reports of a demonstration outside the U.S. Embassy in Kabul Thursday and other anti-American protest meetings in major towns like Kandahar, Jalalabad, Mazar-i-Sharif and Mahmana indicated the seriousness of the attacks.

The sources said Thursday night's Radio Kabul broadcast included the most strident anti-American statements heard since Soviet troops supported the coup which brought Afghan President Babrak Karmal to power Dec. 27, 1979.

Travelers who have made their way to Pakistan from Kabul over the past two days, but said they cannot be named for fear of reprisals on their return, reported that several days before the anniversary there was an attack on Kabul airport.

The travelers said they were told by airport staff that in the attack Soviet and Afghan

government soldiers mistakenly fired on each other. Earlier this week Western diplomats reported a similar incident near the airport.

However, the diplomats said since then they had received other accounts which backed up the report of an attack on the airport.

The travelers said they believed Mujahedeen attacked the Soviet Embassy the day after the anniversary. However they did not witness the attack and based their account on seeing and hearing intense military activity, including prolonged shooting, in the area.

Gen. Ershad tours cholera-hit towns

DHAKA, Jan. 1 (AFP) — Bangladesh leader Hussain Muhammad Ershad visited parts of southern Barisal district where cholera has taken a heavy toll of lives in the recent months, the official news agency BSS reported.

The government confirmed last week that at least 1,900 persons had died of cholera and other stomach diseases in different parts of Bangladesh since September.

Preventive measures were geared up to tackle the spread of the disease official sources said.

Gen. Ershad was accompanied during the visit by the Health Minister Maj. Gen. Shamsul Huq, zonal martial law administrator Maj.-Gen. K. M. Wahed and senior health department officials.

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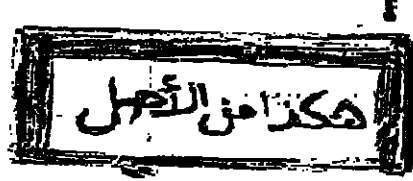
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Khmer Rouge retakes lost areas

BANGKOK, Jan. 1 (AFP) — Cambodia's ousted Khmer Rouge claimed Saturday to have recaptured large areas during 1982 guerrilla action against Vietnamese forces backing the Phnom Penh Cambodian government.

In an year-end commentary, Khmer Rouge radio said its forces had made steady progress from strongholds near the Thai border toward the center of Cambodia. The broadcast spoke of enlarged warfronts in the northwest province of Oddor Meanchey and along Highway 512, which is near the northern rim of the great Tonle Sap Lake. Currently, the guerrillas were concentrating their efforts to extend this "liberated zone" to the Tonle Sap region, it said. "We have attacked the Vietnamese enemy while continuing to push eastward, until such time as we have recaptured most of the ground up to the Cambodian-Vietnamese border."

The broadcast made no mention of a published report that Prince Norodom Sihanouk

head of an anti-Vietnamese Cambodian coalition with the Khmer Rouge and Son Sann forces, was considering pulling out of this alliance. The prince was quoted as saying in a letter to his followers that he would temporarily halt his diplomatic and political activities and withdraw from his involvement as coalition president.

Aides to the prince in Bangkok said the move may have been designed to push China and the five-member Association of South-east Asian Nations (ASEAN) into providing more aid to his supporters along the Thai border. Meanwhile, in Phnom Penh, the Vietnamese-backed Kampuchean United Front for National Construction and Defense wound up a four-day meeting of its National Council Friday, the Phnom Penh news agency SPK monitored here said.

In a communique, the front blasted Prince Sihanouk as a "traitor to the nation and his people" for joining hands with the forces of Khmer Rouge ex-Premier Pol Pot, widely

Nakasone justifies proposal to increase defense outlay

TOKYO, Jan. 1 (AFP) — Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone said Saturday that Japan should make defense efforts equal to those of European countries.

The prime minister, who was elected Nov. 26, made the statement to reporters at an annual new year press conference here. Referring to a planned 6.5 percent increase in defense spending in the government's General Account budget for fiscal 1983, starting April 1, Nakasone said he had personally asked the finance ministry to boost the defense budget to that level despite current financial austerity.

Opposition parties here have reacted sharply to the increase in defense expenditure, since spending for welfare was allowed to increase only 0.6 percent in the coming fiscal year. The government proposed a rise of only 1.4 percent in its overall fiscal 1983, General Account budget draft finalized Friday, the lowest increase rate in 28 years. "In view of our important relations with the United States, I think Japan should make efforts for its national defense as much as

European countries are doing," the prime minister said.

Asked about Washington's requests for transfer of Japan's military technology to the United States, Nakasone said only: "We have been given immense U.S. cooperation under the Japan-U.S. security treaty." Quoting government sources here, Kyodo news service reported that Prime Minister Nakasone and other cabinet members had agreed to provide the United States with Japanese military technology unless it goes against Japanese national interests.

The transfer of technology is expected to be a major topic of discussion when Nakasone meets President Ronald Reagan in Washington January 18. Premier Nakasone also said Japan should carry out a Japanese commitment, made in the 1981 joint communique between his predecessor, Zenko Suzuki, and Reagan, to make "even greater" efforts to improve its defense capabilities. "By keeping the commitment, we can build up our credibility in Japan-U.S. relations," he said.

British ship sinks off Indonesia

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan. 1 (AP) — Capt. Ole Cristensen of Denmark drowned when his 113-ton British-owned ship, *The M.V. Sine*, sank in rough weather in the South China Sea Wednesday, officials reported Friday.

Earlier reports had said the captain was Dutch, but Danish Consul Gunner Larsen confirmed his nationality as Danish Friday. He said details of the ship's owners and other matters were not immediately available. Singapore port officials contacted by telephone from Kuala Lumpur, however, said the *M.V. Sine* is operated out of Singapore, by Scan Shipping Pty., Ltd., and is owned by Globe Lines of the United Kingdom. It is registered in Jersey, England, they said.

The refrigerator vessel sank Wednesday near the Indonesian island of Menggabu, about 240 kilometers from Kuching, Sarawak State, on Borneo Island, marine officials said. Three crew members were rescued from a life raft after eight hours at sea by an Indian cargo-passenger vessel, *The Indian Triumph No. 1*, the marine department

in Kuching said. But Cristensen was pulled overboard by the rope of a life raft tied to his body after he had released it into the sea.

The surviving crew members were identified as Engineer M.F. Ameen of Sri Lanka, Cook H.G. Perera of India and Seaman Safi Sal of Indonesia. They were placed under medical observation at the Kuching Government Hospital and were released.

Officials quoted Ameen as saying the ship, which plys between Singapore, Kuching and Sibiu, encountered rough seas with 10-meter waves Wednesday. Cristensen then ordered them to abandon ship. The captain was pulled into the sea after releasing the life raft, but the three managed to scramble aboard. They reportedly tried to rescue Cristensen but failed. His body was recovered.

This was the second vessel to sink this week off Sarawak state due to rough weather. On Tuesday, the 992-ton cargo ship *M.V. Million No. 2* capsized and sank near Kuala Rejang, 200 kms northeast of Kuching. All 20 crew members were rescued.

South African security stepped up

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 1 (AFP) — Police in South Africa Friday deployed exceptional countrywide security measures following last night's attack against the Johannesburg law courts.

The measures will stay in force throughout the weekend for fear of further sabotage attacks, a reliable source said. Responsibility for the explosions at the law courts, which according to police caused only slight damage, had not been claimed. No one was hurt in the blast.

The Johannesburg evening paper *The Star* noted that it was the 24th "terrorist" act in South Africa this year, but the first to take

place in central Johannesburg. The 23 others have been claimed by the outlawed black nationalist organization the African National Congress (ANC).

The police gave few details of the law courts blast, on the grounds that a top level inquiry had been opened immediately. The target of the attack was only some 200 meters from the central police station in John Vorster Square where most people suspected of offences against state security are interrogated. It was in a cell at John Vorster Square, for example, that the controversial death of white trade unionist Neil Aggett occurred in February.

Death claimed many veterans in '82

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 (AP) — Some had long been alive, and their deaths came as no surprise: Leonid Brezhnev, Henry Fonda, Ingrid Bergman. Others, like Grace of Monaco and Basil Rathbone, seemed ripped from life — shown as mortals all too soon.

Death, through execution, assassination, accident, suicide, homicide and disease, claimed many of the famous in 1982. The world saw the passing of one of its most powerful men: Soviet Communist Party chief and President Leonid I. Brezhnev, 75, who stayed atop the Kremlin power structure for 18 years.

Hollywood lost two of its greatest stars: Henry Fonda, 77, the all-American film hero who won an Oscar for his last performance as an aging professor in *On Golden Pond* and Ingrid Bergman, 67, who won three Academy awards during a film career that was marred by scandal when she left her first husband to live with, and bear a son by, Italian director Roberto Rossellini.

Fonda and Brezhnev had long suffered from heart disease. Miss Bergman had breast cancer. For them, death had seemed near. Not so for Princess Grace, who died at age 52 after what doctors said were two strokes, one at the wheel of her car that sent it plunging over a cliff. So closed, abruptly, and sadly, the story of Grace Kelly, the Oscar-winning American actress who left Hollywood to marry a prince.

And not so for John Belushi, who gained fame by television comedy and went on to success in films like *Animal House*. He was found dead, at age 33, of an overdose of heroin and cocaine.

Also in 1982, music lovers the world over mourned the death of Arthur Rubinstein, 95, a concert pianist acclaimed as a virtuoso without peer. America said farewell to Bess Truman, widow of President Harry S. Truman, and, at 97, the longest-lived of the nation's first ladies.

The world lost leaders, past and present: Basil Rathbone, 84, assassinated before he could take office as president of Lebanon,

King Khaled, 69, of Saudi Arabia, Sadegh Ghotbzadeh, 48, executed for plotting to overthrow the Iranian regime he once zealously served, and Wladyslaw Gombulka, 77, the Communist Party chief of Poland who survived Stalin's purges but was swept from power by worker unrest in 1970.

Hollywood also saw the demise of men behind the movies: Lee Strasberg, 80, head of the Actors Studio and leading teacher of "method" acting; King Vidor, 81, director of such film classics as *The Champ* and *Duel in the Sun*; Henry King, 96, director of such movies as *The Song of Bernadette*, *Stella Dallas* and *12 O'Clock High*; and Steve Gordon, 44, writer and director of the movie *Arthur*.

Marty Feldman, the zany bug-eyed comedian of *Young Frankenstein* and *Silent Movie*, was felled by a heart attack at age 49 after completing a movie in Mexico and Eleanor Powell, once known as the best dancer in the movies, died at age 69.

Other deaths of 1982 included: Writers: John Gardner, 49, John Cheever, 70, Ayn Rand, 77, Thomas Thompson, 49, Gene Ngai Marsh, 82, and Archibald MacLeish, 89.

Men of music: Hoagy Carmichael, 82, the prolific composer who first made a hit with *Star Dust*, the Lonesome Monk, 64, jazz pianist and composer, and Calvin Simmons, who drowned at age 32, cutting short a career as one of America's most promising black conductors.

Sports figures: Leroy "Satchel" Paige, 75 or older, the legendary pitcher who crossed baseball's color line with a sizzling fast ball and Marty Hoey, 30, the lone woman member of an American expedition trying to climb Mount Everest, killed in a fall some 2,600 feet short of the summit.

Men who helped mould popular culture and style: Joyce C. Hall, the 91-year-old founder of Hallmark cards, Pierre Balmain, 68, the French designer, Ernie Bushmiller, 76, creator of the comic strip *Nancy*, and Harold R. Foster, 89, creator of *Prince Valiant*.

Seychelles begins to relay TV

VICTORIA, Jan. 1 (AFP) — The Seychelles began television broadcasting Friday with the inauguration of Radio Television Seychelles (RTS) first transmission.

The broadcasts, using the Pal Color Standard, will at this stage reach 40 percent of the population of the Indian Ocean archipelago. In his inauguration speech, President France Albert Rene said television will educate citizens in the interests of progress and national understanding.

The decision to introduce television, he said, was based on the political belief that "we have to use every means possible to educate ourselves so that we improve ourselves and understand each other". Underlining the great potential of television to boost development, President Rene said the country's cultural and economic potential would be rediscovered through the contact television established between people, what was happening in their country and the rest of the world.

RTS will initially go on air only at the weekends, with a total of nine hours of broadcast on Fridays, Saturday's and Sunday's. A break in transmissions has been scheduled to allow families to have dinner, listen to the radio and do other things.

French climber presumed dead in Everest attempt

KATMANDU, Jan. 1 (AFP) — Jean Bourgeois, a member of a ten-man French expedition attempting to climb Mount Everest, was presumed to have fallen to his death in the northern glacier on the Tibetan side of the peak, it was officially announced here.

But a search was continuing for the 44-year-old engineer according to a Nepalese liaison office stationed at the Everest base camp reported by radio Saturday morning to the ministry of tourism. "They are searching on the northern slope of the 'Lho La' Pass and also the southern side of this killer peak," the announcement said.

The announcement came two days after Japanese climbers Yasuo Kato and Toshiaki Kobayashi were reported frozen to death on Mount Everest. Last Monday, Kato reached the summit to become the first man to climb the mountain in winter. Bourgeois, a resident of Belgium and the oldest climber in the expedition from Couzy, France, is presumed to have slipped to his death while descending from camp two to camp one at 6,000 meters (19,800 feet).

Other members of the French team, led by Michel Metzger, a dental surgeon from Paris, launched a frantic search but found no trace of Bourgeois, believed to have fallen into the deep glacier on the northern slope. Bourgeois

was climbing in biting cold weather and strong winds on the 8,848-meter (29,028-foot) mountain in a bid to reach the world's highest summit, the Nepalese Tourism Ministry said.

During the climb, he complained of a headache — a possible sign of high-altitude sickness — and started down again for the first base camp but could not reach it, the ministry announced quoting an official message from the Everest Base Camp.

The expedition decided to leave the base camp Friday, sending the five-member team toward camp two in an apparent effort to climb as high as possible, but without the goal of reaching the summit of the killer peak.

The presumed death of Bourgeois brings to ten the number of climbers killed on Everest in 1982. Mountaineering experts here said the French climbers might have been too ambitious in seeking to climb right up to the "Lho-La," the world's highest pass situated at 6,000 meters on the Nepal-Tibetan frontier along the western ridge route of Mount Everest.

This was the second French failure on the treacherous 28,848-meter peak via the West Ridge route along the Lho-La pass in eight years. It was climbed by a French team headed by Pierre Mezeaud in October 1978 but via the South Col route.

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Obote claims victory in war against rebels

NAIROBI, Jan. 1 (AP) — Ugandan President Milton Obote told his countrymen in a New Year message broadcast Saturday that "peace and stability" had returned to at least parts of the troubled East African nation in 1982.

Radio Uganda quoted Obote as saying the government had been successful in its drives against guerrilla groups and that the West Nile district of Northern Uganda and areas around Kampala, the capital, were now mostly peaceful and secure because of the surrender of insurgents. Obote has been faced since February 1981 with a threat from bands of guerrillas fighting to oust him on the grounds that he rigged the December 1980 election which returned him to power after more than eight years of rule by deposed Idi Amin.

The West Nile region bordering Zaire and Sudan had until recently been under the virtual control of the Uganda Rescue Front headed by Moses Ali. Ali, once finance minister under Amin, is believed to be in exile in southern Sudan. Guerrillas of the Uganda Freedom Movement and the National Resistance Army have been active around Kampala, but the government has been reporting mass surrenders in recent weeks. They claim allegiance to Yussuf Lule, who briefly served as president in an interim

government after Amin's downfall in April 1979. He currently lives in London.

With the increased security, Obote said in the broadcast message monitored here, the production of such export crops as tea, coffee and cotton had increased and commerce was beginning to pick up in Uganda.

The Ugandan president warned his countrymen that they would face fuel shortages in a few days because of a fire Dec. 22 at a fuel storage depot in Nairobi. The blaze destroyed more than 1.5 million gallons of Gasoline. Kenya refines imported crude oil for sale to other East African countries, including Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda, Zaire and Sudan. The fire was expected to cause a delay in shipments of fuel to the neighboring countries.

The radio also reported a news conference Friday by the Ugandan vice president and defense minister, Paulo Muwanga, in which he alleged that the government had compiled the names of opposition politicians and missionaries who had aided anti-government guerrillas. He did not name any one. Muwanga alleged that some missionaries working in Uganda had offered their facilities as bases for guerrillas operating in the bush and that members of the opposition Democratic Party were involved with the guerrillas.

On legalized murder

Thatcher dismisses Irish leader's charge as rubbish

LONDON, Jan. 1 (Agencies) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher Friday dismissed as "rubbish" charges that the security forces in Northern Ireland were guilty of legalized murder.

The minister of state for Northern Ireland, Lord Gowrie, said he would resign if there was a shoot-to-kill policy for the police and the army in Ulster. John Hume, leader of the mainly Catholic Social Democratic and Labor Party, began the controversy Thursday by saying the police and the army in Northern Ireland had a policy that amounted to "legalized murder." Terrorist suspects were being shot on sight as part of a fundamental change in security policy, he added.

Lord Gowrie, an Irish Catholic peer, said on radio that he had already denied in parliament that there had been any change in security policy in Northern Ireland. "If I am found to be wrong, I would have to resign," he said.

Meanwhile, the population of Belfast, capital of Northern Ireland and center of the British province's sectarian strife, has shrunk by about 25 percent since 1971 to 297,983, according to 1981 census figures published in *The Irish Times* Friday.

The drop was shared by all major religious

groups, but the rate of decrease was significantly lower for Catholics than for the major Protestant denominations, *The Times* said. The figures were complicated however by the refusal of 20 percent of the population to volunteer their religious affiliation, the newspaper said.

It attributed the lack of response to the coincidence of the April 1981 census with the Irish Republic Army hunger strike at the Maze Prison, in which 10 guerrillas died on a protest demanding political prisoner status. The forms were collected a month before the first, Bobby Sands, died during an anti-census campaign by Republican forces who opposed the census as an act of the Protestant establishment. The protest resulted in the murder of a census collector in Londonderry.

Presbyterians, losing 42 percent of their population, lost the most in numbers, while Catholics with a 23 percent drop, lost the least, the newspaper said. Preliminary figures indicated a drop of about 50,000 in all of Northern Ireland, but *The Times* said it would be impossible to say whether Belfast's drop in numbers was due to movement to the suburbs, to slum clearance or to emigration until further figures are released in two or three months.

Botha offers friendship pacts

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 1 (AP) — Prime Minister P.W. Botha Friday renewed an offer to sign friendship pacts with neighboring black-ruled countries if they stopped harboring anti-South African guerrillas.

In a televised New Year's eve address, Botha also repeated a frequent warning that countries aiding black guerrillas risked South African military might. "The government will not hesitate to act, wherever it may be necessary, to combat forces that want to destabilize our country," he said. South Africa accuses its neighbors of sheltering guerrillas of the African National Congress, which is committed to overthrow-

ing the government and ending the white minority's domination over the black majority.

The nation drew a strong condemnation from the United Nations this month after its commandos carried out a raid in the neighboring kingdom of Lesotho, killing 30 ANC members and 12 Lesotho civilians. Mozambique, Angola, Zimbabwe and Lesotho respond that South Africa aids rebel movements in their countries in an effort to destabilize neighboring black governments. They have refused similar treaty offers in the past.

For destabilization bids

Mozambique, Cuba rap imperialists

MAPUTO, Jan. 1 (AFP) — Mozambique and Cuba have condemned imperialist efforts to destabilize countries in Southern Africa and Central America, and declared continued support for the anti-apartheid African National Congress (ANC) of South Africa.

In a joint communique published here Friday following the Dec. 25-28 visit to Mozambique by Cuban Vice-President Juan Almeida Bosque, the two states denounced U.S. policies in central America and the Caribbean, as well as the U.S.-South African stand on Namibia. They described as "imperialist pretensions" the Washington-Pretoria position that Namibia's independence from South Africa must be preceded by withdrawal of Cuban troops from neighboring Angola and as "imperialist designs"

the clandestine war against the Nicaraguan government and the economic blockade against Cuba and Grenada.

Observers noted that the omission of any explicit reference to the United States follows a visit by a U.S. State Department delegation to Maputo two weeks ago, the first of its kind since the Reagan administration took office.

In the communique, the Cuban side said South Africa was "training, financing and infiltrating into Mozambique" the "armed bandits and mercenaries of the Mozambique Resistance Movement (MNR), which has been stepping up attacks on economic and other strategic targets in the country. The Mozambican side praised the work of the more than 100 Cuban technicians and experts who work in the country.



Mafia victim: The body of Giovanni Prestigiacomo, a 41-year-old father of three children, is seen in a car after he was shot to death in an ambush as he was driving from home on his way to work Thursday night. The murder of Prestigiacomo brought the total number of people killed in Mafia slayings in and around Palermo last year in 1982 to 151, according to police sources. Italian and U.S. law enforcement officials say that Sicily is the major source of heroin for addicts in the United States and rival gangs are battling to control the lucrative market.

U.N. report says

40,000 kids die daily in poor countries

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 1 (AP) — Each day during 1982, the United Nations estimates, more than 40,000 children died in those parts of the world lacking clean water, safe sanitation and adequate medical care.

James Grant, head of the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF), while conceding that accurate statistics are hard to come by in the underdeveloped world, believes that the estimate might even be on the conservative side. Using all available demographic data, including births and deaths recorded at scattered clinics and hospitals, the U.N. Population Division and World Health Organization calculated that with 122 million births, 15.3 million children, from newborn infants to 4-year-olds, died during the year.

Out of 10.3 million deaths of infants up to the age of 1, 10 million occurred in less developed countries. The remaining 3 million deaths — in the 1-4 agegroup — are even more predominantly in the developing countries, according to U.N. statistics.

Nearly 3 million of the infants, below 1

More murders registered in Indian capital

NEW DELHI, Jan. 1 (AFP) — There was a 18 percent increase in the number of murders in the Indian capital this year, to 236, police reported Saturday.

Among celebrated cases — unsolved so far — was that of Kishan Sikand, a prosperous automobile dealer who fell victim to a "letter bomb." A senior diplomat of the Kuwaiti Embassy, Mustafa Al-Mazrook, was also shot dead in his residence when about to leave for his office. The assailants were reported to have arrived by taxi and spoken to the taxi driver with Arabic accent.

A day later a governor in a Japanese executive house, Mary d'Mellow, was stabbed to death. Few details are available, though police arrested a servant.

Police said they had solved 194 of the 236 murders last year. They also said they had recovered stolen property worth \$16 million and smashed five inter-state gangs.

Nairobi officer court-martialed

NAIROBI, Jan. 1 (AFP) — A fifth non-commissioned officer of the now-disbanded Kenyan Air Force, Corp. Charles Mirasi, was arraigned before a court-martial here Friday charged with treason.

Corp. Mirasi is among six servicemen implicated by officers and convicted airmen as having taken active charge of activities at the Nanyuki Air Force Base during the failed Aug. 1 coup attempt.

Four of the men, senior sergeant Joseph Ogidhi Obuon and Corporals Bramwell Injeni Njereman, Walter Odia Ojode and Charles Edward Oriwa Hongo, have already been sentenced to death for their roles in the air force-led uprising.

Three commissioned officers and more than 900 other servicemen have been convicted and variously sentenced to terms ranging from dismissal from the armed forces to 25 years in jail for their part in the attempted coup. The trial continues next week.

year of age, according to these estimates, died in India alone and another 3 million in the rest of Asia, excluding Japan and China. Africa accounted for some 2.6 million of the toll, Latin America and China about 800,000 each. Every six seconds, somewhere in the underdeveloped world, a child dies because of diarrhea.

Diarrhea, which induces dehydration and rapid weight loss, kills about 5 million children annually, making it "by far the biggest single cause of death among the developing world's children," Grant reports.

Measles, diphtheria, tetanus, poliomyelitis and tuberculosis — for which comparatively cheap vaccines have been developed — kill another 5 million a year, tetanus accounting for a million and whooping cough 600,000.

In an emotional departure from the usual bureaucratic prose used by U.N. agencies, Grant wrote in his annual *State of the world's children 1982-83* report: "No statistics can express what it is to see even one child die in such a way, to see a mother sitting hour after anxious hour leaning her child's body against her own, to see the child's head turn on limbs which are unnaturally still, stiffer than in sleep, to want to stop even that small movement because it is so obvious that there is so little energy left inside the child's life; to see the living pink at the roof of the child's mouth in shocking contrast to the already dead-looking greyness of the skin ... to see the uncomprehending panic in eyes which are still the clear and lucid eyes of a child and then to know, in one endless moment, that life has gone."

Heading into the New Year, Grant is hoping to replace the old image of the starving child, with spindly limbs and bloated belly,

Agca refuses to end prison isolation

ASCOLI PICENO, Italy, Jan. 1 (AP) — Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turkish terrorist who shot and wounded Pope John Paul II, has refused to terminate his prison isolation and is avoiding any contact with other inmates as he fears to be killed, sources in the Maximum Security Prison of Ascoli Piceno said Friday.

Italian authorities have ordered guards to mount a round-the-clock vigil on Agca, as well as careful checks on his food, after the Turkish would-be assassin if the pope told Italian investigators about an alleged international plot behind the shooting of the pope on May 13, 1981. They are normal precautions for avoiding attempts of escape by the prisoner, while safeguarding his life, "sources at Italy's Justice ministry in Rome said.

Prison sources in this central Italian town reported that Agca was particularly worried

since most of the malnutrition plaguing youngsters in poverty-stricken nations is not so dramatically apparent.

"Today," Grant said in his report, "an invisible malnutrition touches the lives of approximately one quarter of the developing world's young children. It quietly steals away their energy, it gently restrains their growth, it gradually lowers their resistance."

In half the cases, he notes, malnutrition is not caused by lack of food but by intestinal parasites, fever and infection, especially diarrhea.

Elaborating, Grant told a reporter, "what we are trying to say is that an underfed child is one which is less alert for learning, much more susceptible to disease — like a plant that comes up yellow." "I don't have a simple image for it yet," Grant conceded.

UNICEF, in the face of worldwide recession, is aiming to reduce the number of infant deaths by at least five million annually by 1990. In his report, Grant prescribed four relatively inexpensive and simple measures to cut down on child deaths:

— Reversal of the "disastrous trend" from breast to bottle feeding in poor areas with unsafe water supplies and sanitation.

— Treatment with a solution of sugar and salt of children suffering from dehydration as a result of diarrhea. The addition of glucose to a solution of salt and water has been found to increase the body's rate of absorption of the fluid by 2,500 percent.

— Immunization of all children against measles, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, poliomyelitis and tuberculosis.

— Monthly weighing of children and maintenance of child-growth charts to detect cases of hidden malnutrition.

Agca refuses to end prison isolation

about taking exercises with other prisoners after some convicted Italian terrorists and members of the Camorra, the Naples version of the Mafia, were slain by other inmates in Italian jails. Sources said Agca, who is serving a life sentence, reads books and writes letters for several hours a day and seldom leaves his cell, where he stays alone, for exercises.

After expiry of the one-year solitary confinements ruled by the court which sentenced him, Agca could have asked to stay in a cell with other convicts and have meals in the prison refectory. He usually eats, pasta, meat and salad prepared by a prison cook under the supervision of a guard, sources reported.

Agca's letters to his family and friends go through censorship by an interpreter at the justice ministry.

U.S. heart transplant patient dies

HOUSTON, Jan. 1 (AP) — A 26-year-old woman died of respiratory failure Friday, less than 48 hours after receiving a new heart and two lungs in a multiple transplant operation. A hospital spokeswoman said.

The woman, whose name was not released, was the second heart-lung transplant here to die this month. A man who received a heart and two lungs Nov. 23 died of double pneumonia Dec. 15. The woman had been reported in a serious condition since operation early Thursday at the Texas Heart Institute, said spokesman Hazel Haby. The organs came from a 32-year-old woman who was killed in traffic accident.

A 30-year-old Texas man who received a transplanted heart late Tuesday "continues to do well," Ms. Haby said. His heart came from a 21-year-old man, who also was killed in a traffic accident.

The two patients were the fourth and fifth of 35 operations planned over two years by heart surgeon Denison Cooley. Cooley performed heart transplants for a 43-year-old man in July and a 44-year-old woman in August. Both patients, who were treated with the experimental drug, were released from the hospital and are "doing just fine," Haby said.

Fire destroys building in Stockholm

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 1 (AFP) — A violent explosion and fire thought to be of criminal origin destroyed a commercial building early Friday in downtown Stockholm but caused no injuries, police here said.

Damage was already estimated at millions of millions of krona (several million dollars), as police cordoned off 100 meter (300 yard) radius where the blast had shattered windows in several stores and seriously damaged the offices of international airline companies. An anonymous caller telephoned police headquarters before the blast warning that a bomb had been placed in a large store near to where the fire later broke out.

Some investigators said the blast could have been caused by a plastic explosive weighing several kilos. They said it was apparently aimed at a Swedish-owned restaurant frequented by businessmen, the "Fontainebleau". The establishment has already been the object of two armed attacks, whose perpetrators were never found, and an unsuccessful arson attempt on Aug. 11.

China, Antigua establish ties

PEKING, Jan. 1 (AP) — China, which is trying to improve its ties with Latin America, established full diplomatic relations Saturday with the Caribbean island state of Antigua and Barbuda, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

Antigua is in the eastern part of the Leeward Islands and Barbuda is a flat coral island 40 kms north of Antigua. Antigua and Barbuda, once part of a British colony known as the Leeward Islands, gained independence on Nov. 1, 1981. Xinhua said a joint communique on diplomatic relations was signed last Dec. 21 in New York by China's United Nations representative Ling Qing and the Antigua and Barbuda Ambassador Lloydston Jacobs. The two countries will exchange ambassadors.

In the communique, Antigua and Barbuda recognizes China's sovereignty over the island of Taiwan.

Nicaragua fears U.S. aggression

MANAGUA, Jan. 1 (R) — Nicaragua's leftist leaders said Friday that 1983 would see the United States increasing its "aggressive designs" on Central America in general and on Nicaragua in particular.

In a new year message, the government declared 1983 a year of struggle for peace and national sovereignty and called on the people to be prepared for any eventuality. It said that despite adversities, Nicaragua would continue to progress in rebuilding its economy, shattered by a civil war in 1979 which led to the overthrow of rightist dictator Anastasio Somoza.

Nicaragua's relations with the U.S. deteriorated after the leftist Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) came to power. Washington cut off all aid to Nicaragua, accusing the Sandinista leadership of helping leftist guerrillas in neighboring El Salvador in attempts to topple the U.S.-backed Salvadoran government.

RAF pilot accused of shooting down jet

LONDON, Jan. 1 (AP) — A Royal Air Force F-4 Phantom pilot and his navigator are facing court martial this month after shooting down another RAF jet during a training exercise in West Germany, the British Broadcasting Corp. reported Saturday.

Details could not be checked immediately because of the New Year's holiday, which closed ministry offices in London. The BBC said the Phantom's crew fired a heat-seeking sidewinder missile which brought down a Jaguar fighter, worth about (\$6.4 million). The struck plane crashed in a field, but the pilot ejected safely, the BBC said.

It named the crew as Flight Lieutenants Roy Lawrence and Alastair Inverarity, based at Wildenrath near Dusseldorf, and said they deny negligence charges.

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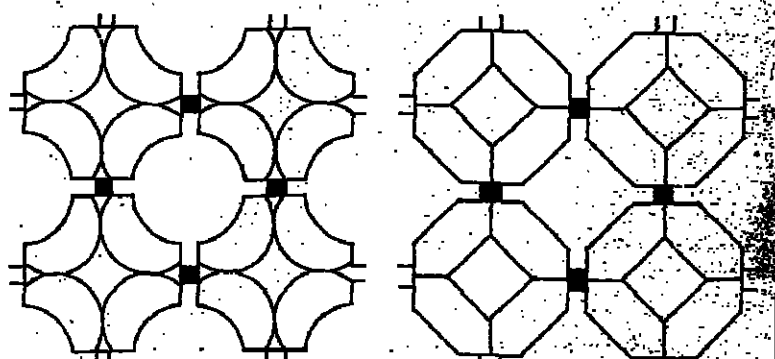
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U.K. NATIONALITY ACT

The majority members of the mother of parliaments in Westminster have just approved a new nationality act which seeks to divide British citizenship into three categories in descending order of legitimacy while depriving over four million persons of full-fledged citizenship rights.

Defining citizenship qualifications is the prerogative of every government but depriving citizens of their rights or classifying them smacks of racial discrimination. The residents of Gibraltar and the Falkland Islands, who are mainly white and of British ancestry, have been spared the indignity visited on less white former British citizens or subjects. These residents have been given the right to apply for full British citizenship. Others living somewhere between Hong Kong and the British Indian Ocean and Antarctic territories have had a raw deal.

Those of other ethnic and color origins have been dubbed British overseas citizens but with no right to settle in Britain if they chose to do so. It passes one's understanding how can they be British overseas citizens if they cannot settle in their home country which has given them the name. The net result of the act, which has already been attacked by various groups including the church, is that nearly two million persons will find themselves practically stateless in a world already full of such hapless people. This is a terrible thought for them after having lived for so many years believing they have a homeland to go to if needs be.

Mrs. Thatcher and her rank Conservative supporters should have stopped to think of the dire consequences which would befall erstwhile British citizens whose only fault was that Britain had one day invaded and colonized their countries.

At the height of the empire all nationals under the flag were considered citizens of the empire and Commonwealth and those from Malaysia were given residential and political rights in Nigeria. Those were the heady days of empire when many Britons sincerely believed that it might last for ever and a day.

Saudi Arabian press review

Okaz Saturday called for firm and strong Arab action to deal with challenges threatening the Arab nation.

It underlined the importance of a unified Arab stand in the light of the forthcoming visit to London by a seven-member Arab League delegation.

The paper said a unanimous and firm Arab position was needed to give momentum to the peace process in the Middle East at a time when the Israeli enemy was actively obstructing efforts to settle the Middle East conflict.

The paper said the Arabs had a sincere desire to bring about a just and durable peace in the Middle East and referred to their untiring efforts to secure one through the Arab peace plan adopted at the 12th Arab summit in Fez in September. It called on Arab states to mobilize their support for Iraq in its battle with Iran in view of the proven cooperation between Iran and Israel.

Commenting on the current Israeli-Lebanese talks to ensure foreign troop withdrawal from Lebanese territory, the **Al-Madinah** said the Arabs, directly or indirectly, were responsible for the results of the negotiations and asked them to take part in the talks.

Al-Jazirah said Israel was deliberately trying to obstruct the

tripartite talks by its insistence on normalization of relations which would ultimately mean Lebanese recognition of Israel. It added that the Israeli enemy had found in Lebanon a good market to help its sluggish economy, which had been effected by the Arab boycott. The paper called on the Arabs to reconcile their peripheral differences and defeat Israeli plots in the region.

Al-Mashraq praised the 18th anniversary of the Palestinian revolution and said the Palestinian struggle had succeeded in thwarting all conspiracies to eliminate the Palestinian cause. "Nearly two decades of the Palestinian struggle has gone through difficult times and conditions, yet in the end it has emerged victorious to continue its armed resistance to liberate occupied land and recover usurped rights," the paper said.

Al-Riyadh praised the heroic resistance put up by the Afghan Mujahideen against the invading Soviet forces. "Three years of dedicated struggle by the Afghan people have placed Soviet leaders in a difficult position and isolated the Moscow regime," the paper said. It added that the Soviets had failed to understand the Islamic nature of the Afghan people and predicted a Soviet debacle similar to the American failure in Vietnam. (SPA)

Mexican poet sees changes in political front soon

By Soli Sussman

MEXICO CITY —

Octavio Paz, one of Mexico's foremost writers and social critics, says his country is on the verge of major political changes brought on by its near economic collapse.

"The economic crisis is a result of the political crisis," he said. "I think that we are at the end of an era." The 68-year-old author — short, stocky and with a scholarly appearance — is a poet and essayist who was mentioned as a candidate for the 1982 Nobel prize for literature that went to fellow Mexican city resident Gabriel Garcia Marquez.

Paz said in an interview with the Associated Press that he is bored by politics and cautions against authors allowing politics to infiltrate their work. "Ideologies come and go, but the works remain," he said. Nevertheless, he speaks frequently about Mexico's political system and leadership, and says President Miguel De La Madrid's call for "moral renewal" is a step on the way to routing institutionalized corruption.

His writing in such books as *The Labyrinth of Solitude* has offered deep insight into Mexico and its character. The soft-spoken Paz said 53 years of dominance by the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party has fueled corruption, impeded change and prevented leaders from listening to Mexicans.

He called for a deepening of the political reforms instituted by former President Jose Lopez Portillo to permit other parties more access to the system. "We Mexicans are tired of lies and pharaonic projects," he said, relaxing in his library lined from floor to ceiling with books. "We're ready for a sober and honest country."

There were increasing grumblings about corruption in the last few months of the administration of Lopez Portillo, who oversaw an oil boom but whose ambitious development programs brought the nation to the brink of bankruptcy. Paz, born in 1914, currently edits the literary magazine *Vuelta* and said he expects to publish a new volume of poetry soon.

The poet wrote eloquently more than 30 years ago of the strong ties that Mexicans feel for their land, particularly of the virtually mystical link to the Valley of Mexico ringed by mountains and volcanoes. The valley was the site for the Indian city of Tenochtitlan and now holds its modern successor, Mexico City.

"It has been a disaster in many aspects," Paz said of Mexico's development from centuries of traditional poverty to the industrial and oil boom of the past few years. "The ecological disaster of the Valley of Mexico ... is also the product of this same policy."

Paz lives in a high-rise building on one of Mexico City's main downtown avenues. His apartment is filled with an international collection of art and fine crafts objects. Asked why he has not joined the exodus to Chic suburbs, Paz replied: "I'm a Mexican. I have to live like the Mexicans — I adore my city. ... It was beautiful and its going to be beautiful again someday."

He said it was pleasant — a little like Roulette — to be mentioned again as a potential Nobel prize winner, but there was no problem in not winning. (AP)

Sikhs set Jan. 26 deadline for renewal of agitation

By James W. Hutton

NEW DELHI — Punjab state, the cauldron stirred by India's militant Sikh population, is bubbling fiercely and once again appears ready to spill over.

The Akali Dal, the main Sikh political party headed by Harchand Singh Longowal, has set Jan. 26 — India's Republic Day — to renew agitation aimed at forcing Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to grant 43 political and religious demands. Longowal has called on the four Sikh members of parliament and 37 Sikh Punjab state legislators to resign then. And he has ordered the rekindling of the "fill the jails" campaign that last summer dragged 25,000 bearded, turbaned Sikhs into Punjab prisons.

That agitation reached New Delhi Oct. 11 when thousands of rock-tossing, sword-waving Sikhs fought pitched battles with police and tried to storm parliament. Five Sikhs died from police gunfire. One frightening new dimension to the campaign is the response to Longowal's call for assistance by 8,000 retired Sikh servicemen, including five major generals, who pledged him their support Dec. 23. While their role has not been defined, it at least gives the movement a wider base of support.

Longowal also has invited about 1,000 Sikh intellectuals to meet with him Jan. 9 in Amritsar, 400 kilometers north of here. A similar meeting with Sikh youths is being planned.

The Akalis have a grab bag variety of demands, some fairly simple, some virtually impossible to meet. The list was drawn up at a 1973 convention in Amritsar, and the current stalemate arises from Akali insistence it be accepted in its entirety.

They want greater autonomy for Punjab, home to most of India's 13 million Sikhs, who belong to a sect that believes in one god and rejects the caste

system. Yet Mrs. Gandhi cannot easily grant this lest it set an example for other of India's restless minorities.

Amritsar must be designated a holy city, the Akalis say. That would mean little more than banning cigarette sales near the Golden Temple. But they also want Amritsar to have "Vatican" status, which would make it an autonomous city-state like that of the Roman Catholic Church. They want the main afternoon train from New Delhi to Amritsar, now called the "Flying Mail," renamed the "Golden Temple Express," a demand even the Akali leadership admits is frivolous.

The list requires an end to "discrimination" against Sikhs, but does not spell out what it means. It opposes a plan to channel water from three rivers to thirsty neighboring states, and calls for incorporation of Chandigarh city and Punjabi-speaking border areas into Punjab state.

Chandigarh, 170 kilometers north of here, is capital of both Punjab and Haryana states but part of neither. Haryana legislators have threatened to resign en masse if Mrs. Gandhi gives the city to Punjab. Also, incorporation of the linguistically compatible border areas actually would make the Sikhs a minority in Punjab. They now comprise about 52 percent of the state's 16.7 million population.

Kushwant Singh, a Sikh and one of India's most respected editors, interviewed Longowal recently and reported he was "a gentle, soft spoken man with very modest education." Singh read Longowal some of the more controversial demands and "he looked unhappy and conceded that they need retranslating. However, he affirmed his party's resolve to stand by the substantive demands."

Other top Akali leaders have since said the entire list must be granted, however, and one has added to it. Gurcharan Singh Tohra demanded recently that

only Punjabi natives and landowners be allowed to vote in the state. Sikhism was founded 500 years ago by Guru Nanak and later turned into a militant brotherhood. Sikhs long have been renowned as fierce fighters. During the British raj, they formed a third of the Indian Army and were among the most trusted and able civil servants.

Much of their current discontent stems from what they see as broken promises of government rewards for service to the nation, and perceived discrimination against Sikhs as a minority — less than two percent of India's 700 million people. (Even so, their men stand out in any crowd with their bright colored turbans, long flowing beards and openly worn daggers or long curved swords.) The Akali Dal is the largest of the Sikh activist groups, but does not speak for all or even most members of the sect.

One of the more radical factions is headed by Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, jailed in September 1981 on a murder charge but freed after a month to end rioting by his followers that took 18 lives. It was Bhindranwale, temporarily in league with the Akalis, who Dec. 23 urged the retired soldiers to arm themselves for breaking the "shackles of slavery."

Another headline-grabbing group has been the National Council of Khalistan, which wants Punjab transformed into an independent Sikh nation. It was founded by two non-resident Sikhs, Jagjit Singh Chauhan, holds British citizenship, and Ganga Singh Dillon, a naturalized U.S. citizen living in Washington. On Sept. 29, 1981, five Khalistan members used traditional Sikh daggers to hijack an Indian Airlines flight to Lahore, Pakistan, where they were overpowered and their hostages freed unharmed.

Another radical group is the Dal Khalsa, whose

SPD emerges stronger after local poll

By Tony Catterall

HAMBURG — Embarrassingly for West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, the people of Hamburg have given him a real vote of no-confidence only two days after he manufactured a minority in the Bonn Parliament to enable early federal elections to be held.

Hamburg officials of Kohl's own party, the Christian Democratic Union, gloomily concede that the state elections result means no absolute majority for the CDU and its Bavarian sister party, the Christian Social Union, after the federal election planned for March. For the CDU/CSU's coalition partner, the Free Democratic Party, it means extinction.

All this is despite the fact that Hamburg was a special case, where the voters had good Hamburg reasons to return to the Social Democratic Party they deserted only six months ago. The election then produced a hung parliament, with the CDU having the most seats but not a majority. The SPD clung to the power it has held for the past 25 years, with the help of the radical ecologists the Greens.

They, however, refused to countenance planned cuts in education and welfare spending, and Mayor Klaus von Dohnanyi abruptly broke off negotiations to call an election in which he hoped to capitalize on sympathy for the SPD following the constitutional coup which ousted Helmut Schmidt as chancellor. During the campaign, both the major parties made great play of the "ungovernability" factor; the

SPD to say that it could not implement its program, and the CDU to warn of the dire situation that a red-green alliance would bring.

All parties expected such an alliance to follow the election. The only difference found in talking to the CDU, SPD, FDP or Greens was which party would have the most seats. There was no doubt that neither of the big parties would have a majority, that the Green vote would increase, and that the Free Democrats would for the third successive time in Hamburg and in the fourth state elections this year, fail to get the five percent of the vote needed for parliamentary representation.

The result was a shock for everyone. All parties lost votes to the SPD, but the factor which put the party firmly back into power was the six percent increase in voter turnout. Statistically, all of these votes went to the SPD. All West German parties see this as confirming the trend shown in the previous two state elections — in Hesse and Bavaria — since the change of power in Bonn where the SPD did better than expected, even managing with the help of the Greens to retain power in Hesse.

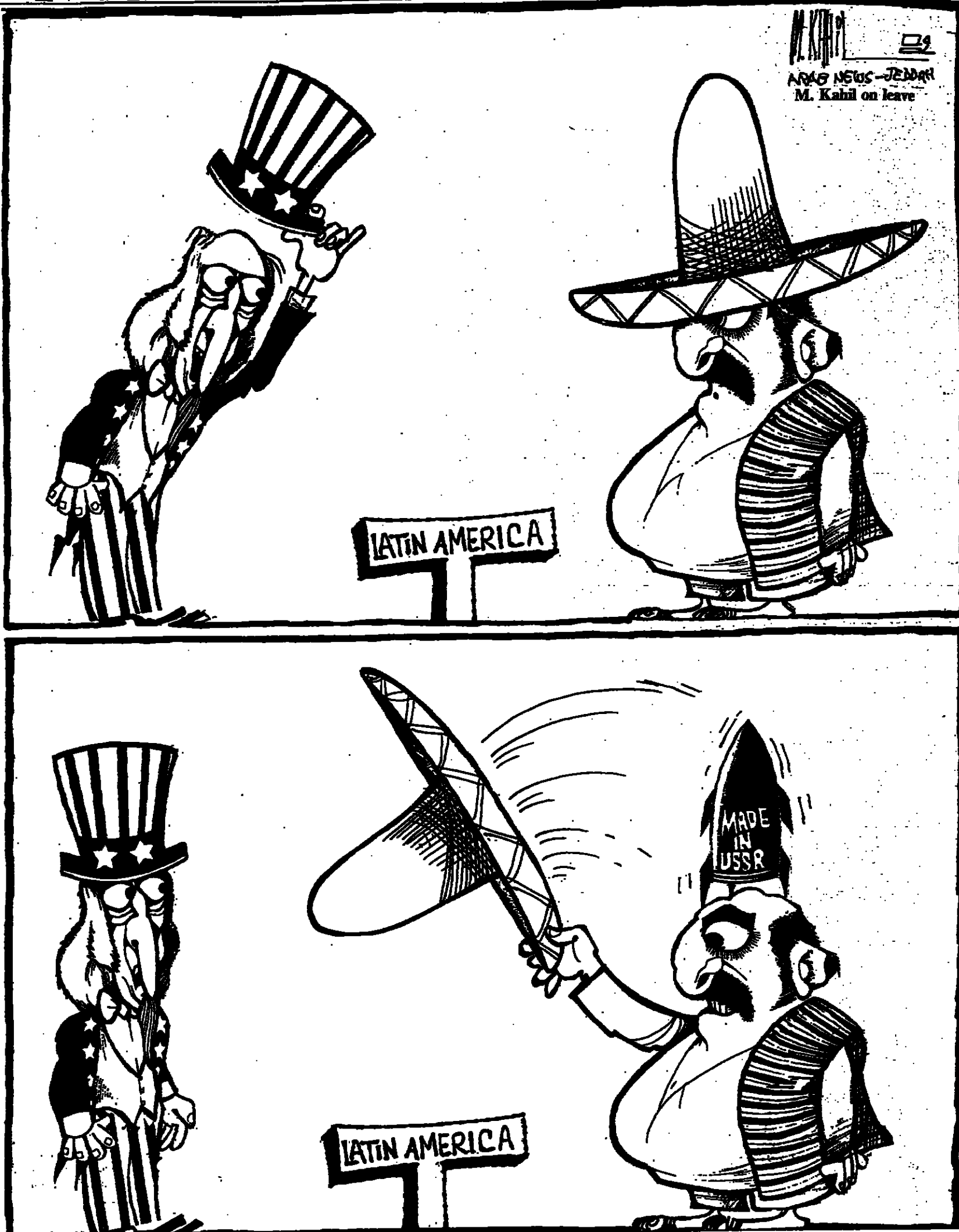
In those elections, the SPD vote was emotional. Now those who have, according to the polls, been deserting the party have had a taste of conservative government in Bonn. Two issues that were emphasized in Hamburg were the new rent laws allowing steep rises, and the converting of some student grants into loans and the abolition of others.

Officials from all parties say that, assuming President Karl Carstens does dissolve the federal parliament following "its loss of confidence" in Chancellor Kohl, the FDP vote will continue to evaporate, with it being replaced as the country's third party by the Greens. Enough SPD votes will return home to deny the CDU/CSU an absolute majority, leaving the country in the situation experienced by Hamburg for the past six months.

SPD spokesmen say they are sure their party can come to an agreement with the Greens at federal level despite the central point of Green campaigning being total opposition to new nuclear weapons stationed in West Germany.

According to the Greens, their basic condition for cooperation with any party which wants to form a government is repudiation of the 1979 NATO decision on medium-range missiles in Europe. The SPD is hoping they will be prepared to fudge the issue. If, as is more likely, they stick to their demands, the Greens consider that a de facto grand coalition between the SPD and the CDU/CSU will emerge.

One of the results of the last grand coalition — from 1966 to 1969 — was the extra parliamentary opposition that gave birth to the Baader-Meinhof urban guerrillas. This time the disaffected would have the Greens to turn to. However the post-election power balance shapes, they stand to gain. (ONS)



TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Jan. 2, the 2nd day of 1983. There are 363 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1492 — Spain captures Granada from the Moors.

1799 — Britain joins Russian-Turkish alliance. Napoleon advances into Syria.

1861 — Frederick William IV of Prussia dies, succeeded by William I.

1900 — The open door policy of China is announced by U.S. Secretary of State John Hay.

1905 — Russians surrender the Manchurian city of Port Arthur to the Japanese.

1909 — Dismissal of Yuan Shih-kai places Chinese administration in Manchian hands.

1933 — Anarchist and Syndicalist uprising starts in Barcelona.

1942 — Philippine capital of Manila is captured by Japanese in World War II.

1971 — Sixty-six persons suffocate and are trampled to death when a crowded gallery gives way at a soccer match in Glasgow, Scotland.

1976 — The Soviet Union hardens its stand on emigration despite the 1975 Helsinki agreement to permit freer movement of people and ideas in Europe.

1978 — U.S. President Jimmy Carter confers in India with Prime Minister Morarji Desai over disputed U.S. policy of safeguards for nuclear assistance.

Thought for today:

A happy life must be to a great extent a quiet life, for it is only in an atmosphere of quiet that true joy can live — Bertrand Russell, British philosopher (1872-1970).

Demographers proved wrong

Hopeful signs seen for hungry nations

By Adrian Peracchio

WASHINGTON (LAT) — Not unlike Mark Twain's premature obituary, predictions of the world's deaths by starvation have been greatly exaggerated, at least once a century and lately closer to once a decade.

British economist Thomas Malthus predicted in 1798 that the world's population would continue to grow until it would inevitably outstrip the supply of food. But Malthus hadn't taken into account the scientific revolution and the advances that agricultural technology would make in food production.

Ten years ago new prophets of doom again invoked the specter of global starvation when they calculated that population growth, abetted by medical advances that cut down on deaths and prolonged life-spans, was about to overtake the food supply. But they didn't take into account the flexibility of human behavior and the adoption of birth control programs in an increasing number of developing nations. In June, a study by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) found that the planet's population by the year 2000 will be 6.1 billion — 20 percent less than predicted earlier.

In the 1960s demographers had calculated that the global population would swell to 7.5 billion. Instead, the overall growth rate dropped from 1.99 percent a decade ago to 1.72 percent by the end of the 1970s, and UNFPA projects it may drop further to 1.5 percent by the end of the century.

That is probably the most hopeful sign for hungry nations, particularly because the greatest drop in population growth took place in the food-poor Third World, where birth rates plummeted a dramatic 16 percent in a decade.

There are other signs of hope: gene-splicing, as genetic engineering with recombinant DNA is popularly known, promises to revolutionize agriculture as dramatically as the farm tractor. Scientists are studying genetic engineering techniques to provide plants that would make their own fertilizer and yield more kernels per cob or more beans per pod and offer more protein per ounce in the bargain. Researchers predict that gene-splicing will result in crops that are more resistant to disease, cold, drought and insects without undesirable side effects like lower yields or smaller seeds.

Researchers are finding that some of the most devastating effects of hunger can be reversed. David Levitsky, a nutritionist and



HARD LIFE: For many living in the West Indies islands of the Caribbean, the main source of income and food comes from the sea. It is a hard and often unrewarding life.

psychologist at Cornell University, has discovered that although malnutrition seriously depresses intellectual development, children can regain their full potential with nutritional

rehabilitation. His findings, reported earlier last year, go against the long-held view that permanent brain damage and mental retardation result from long periods of poor or

inadequate nutrition.

After 14 years of research, Levitsky found that the major cause of poor intellectual growth in malnourished children is not brain damage but an inhibition of the curiosity to learn, the result of poor nutrition, coupled with the lack of a stimulating environment to foster learning. "Once good nutrition is restored, in a healthy, safe and interesting environment," Levitsky said, "there is no indication that previously malnourished children cannot attain the same intellectual level as their well-nourished peers."

Infant mortality, the most widely accepted indication of malnourishment, is on the wane throughout the world. Few children starve outside famine areas, but in countries where malnutrition is chronic, children die because malnourishment exposes them to disease. Countries where fewer than 50 infants die for every thousand born are considered to have conquered malnutrition.

Infant mortality has been dropping slowly but steadily throughout the world, and last year three more countries — Paraguay, Albania and North Korea — joined the ranks of nations below the 50 per thousand mark, bringing the total to 35. That means that the other 89 countries of the world are still plagued with some degree of malnutrition, especially among children.

Food production is up throughout the world even without major technological breakthroughs. A decade ago there was enough food to provide each person on the globe with nearly 3,000 calories a day. Today, that figure is closer to 3,500 calories — and it takes only about 2,500 calories a day to keep an adult fed and healthy.

But this supply of food, adequate though it may be, is not equally distributed. Much of it goes directly into animal feed to fatten cattle for consumption in rich nations. And there is grossly unequal distribution of food not only between poor and rich countries, but also within poor countries.

"Basically, it's now a problem of political will and commitment to change things, not a matter of physical resources," said Steve West, executive director of Impact on Hunger, a New York-based educational organization dedicated to ending hunger. "If only 1 percent of the world food supply were distributed where it's needed, hunger could be ended. Solving this problem starts with the willingness of governments and agencies to recognize that it can be done."

American homeless swollen by middle class families

By Scott Kraft

NEW YORK (AP) — This winter, an estimated two million Americans are "sleeping on riverbanks, under bridges and in hospital emergency rooms. Many are living in their cars."

The homeless are appearing in numbers not seen for half a century. Rescue missions are pressed beyond limits. City war houses and church basements are taking overnight guests. Some are the derelicts and bag ladies chronically on the streets. But one-third or more have tumbled from the middle class, many taking their families with them.

Homeless shelters in Seattle turned away almost 2,500 people one recent month — 1,400 of them children. Martha Dilts, of the Seattle Emergency Housing Service, calls children "the true, true victims of the recession. Living in cars is very hard on them."

"Without question, this winter will be the worst for the homeless since the height of the Great Depression," said Robert M. Hayes, New York-based National Coalition for the Homeless.

The coalition estimated the homeless population at 2 million, twice as large as last year. This month Congress held its first hearing on homelessness since the Depression.

Two to three million Americans "right now are down and out, looking for work, begging

for jobs, living in their cars and tents, living in abandoned buildings, scrounging and scraping as best they can," testified Mitchell Fyfe, a Washington social activist who works with the homeless.

The new homeless include factory workers, lumberjacks, teachers and social workers. They "no longer can be characterized as having some sort of instability," Hayes said. "Some of these folks are economic casualties—they are there because of an incredibly tight housing market and high joblessness."

Officials of public and private social service agencies cite the following problems:

Lower welfare payments due to federal budget cuts and the disappearance of thousands of cheap hotels and apartments. Free shelters are overloaded. Cities and charities face a cruel dilemma, coping with growing numbers of homeless and hungry Americans on ever shrinking budgets.

A new breed of homeless has appeared — the recently unemployed. "The real tragedy" is the rumor mill that keeps shuttling job-seekers across the country," said Salvation Army major Raymond Kitchen in Louisville, Kentucky. "You end up with people always chasing something that wouldn't be there."

The Salvation Army runs shelters and serves meals to the homeless and poor. Outside Houston, Texas, a sign reads: "Tent City, U.S.A." About 300 persons live there in tents and cook on campfires. Many of the

cars bear out-of-state license plates.

Some cities and states are trying to find more beds for the homeless. San Francisco, for example, is considering converting vacant port buildings into shelters. The Portland City Council allocated \$65,000 to help homeless families with children.

"We've had people sleeping on the floor, on a couch and sometimes with small children. We have them double up in bed," said Howard Green of the Salvation Army's 30-bed shelter in Indianapolis, Indiana.

In Los Angeles, the Salvation Army's 50-bed downtown family shelter has been full almost every night. On cold nights in Cleveland, the emergency room waiting areas of hospitals are "crowded with people unrelated to patients," said Salvation Army Maj. Paul Kelly. People have even been found living in the Salvation Army's clothing dumpsters around town.

Detroit, with a 15.7 percent unemployment rate in November, is "not only in for a long cold winter... We're going to have more housing emergencies and we may not be a safety net" for them, said Samuel Chambers of the county department of social services.

New York City's five public shelters are crammed with 3,700 people. Space for 2,000 more is planned this winter. Officials say there may be 36,000 homeless men and women and 20,000 homeless children on the streets there.

"You know, I haven't had a shower or a shave in four months," Harold, an unemployed Ohio man, said while living in his 1973 car. He spent seven months that way, until a local veterans agency gave him a motel room for the month of December.

But it seems likely that the 60-year-old military veteran, who asked that his full name not be used, may end up living in his car again.

His temporary shelter runs out at the end of the month. Asked what he would do then, Harold said, "go back to the car." Harold says he can't get welfare because he has no address, and can't get a place to stay because he has no money.

Until spring, Harold was a school maintenance worker. He quit his job after an argument with his boss. Harold couldn't find other work and ended up living in his car, where he kept a supply of paperback books, blankets and empty cups.

The owners of a tavern let Harold stay in the parking lot. During his seven months in the car, he ate whatever he could when he came up with some change or when a friend helped him.

For December, at least, his life has been a little easier. "I've got a bed I can stretch out on," he said. "Every morning when I get up, I can wash. Just having those things makes me thankful."

New strain of hepatitis discovered

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana (AP) — A newly discovered strain of hepatitis is believed responsible for 90 percent of the hepatitis infections transmitted through blood transfusions and "clears up some of the mysteries" of the disease, scientists say.

Scientists have long known of two strains of hepatitis, a virus that attacks the liver and is sometimes fatal. But Dr. Victor M. Villarajos says his research team at Louisiana State University Medical School has detected a third strain.

The discovery according to him, was made in Costa Rica after LSU and Costa Rican scientists tested blood samples from virtually all of the nation's 50,000 inhabitants.

Isolation of the third strain clears up confusion on how hepatitis is transmitted through blood transfusions, Villarajos said. He said that, previously, one of the two known strains was blamed for such infection — although there was suspicion that another undetected strain existed.

"All the big laboratories in the U.S. and all over the world have been working to detect it," he said. Director of LSU's International Center for Medical Research and Training in San Jose, Costa Rica, Villarajos said his findings will be published next month in the *International Journal of Infectious Diseases*.

His discovery will have to be confirmed by other researchers before it can be accepted by the National Centers for Disease Control, said Dr. Louise McFarland, chief of the state's office of communicable diseases. But Dr. Paul Larson, dean of LSU's medical school in New Orleans, is confident of confirmation.

Another Look

Midlife crises explained

By Robert Younkum

There have been an awful lot of articles and books recently about the midlife crisis. In women's magazines the subject comes in fourth, right after sex, diets, and recipes. In men's magazines, it also comes in fourth, right after sex, sports, and how to earn more money.

The problem with most of these writings is that they are filled with confusing psychobabble. Here, in simple words, are answers to all of your questions about midlife crises:

"Do I have to have one?"
No, you don't have to have a midlife crisis. A number of NMCCs (non-midlife crisis cases) have been reported over the years. Only a handful of NMCCs have been reported in the U.S., however, and relatively few in other industrialized countries. This fact leads to the obvious conclusion that midlife crises are rare in less developed countries (LDCs) because (a) most people in LDCs have never heard of midlife crises and (b) most people in LDCs are so busy trying to stay alive that they don't have time for anything but more fundamental crises, like hunger crises, filthy water crises, sick and dying crises, and so forth.

"Is there anything, other than moving to a less developed country, that I can do to avoid a midlife crisis?"

There hasn't been a lot of research on this question, but from the meagre stuff in my files it would appear that two kinds of people in industrialized countries say that they have never had a midlife crisis: the extremely sensitive and the extremely insensitive.

There are people who are so insensitive that their personality graphs would like a groundhog's midwinter brain wave tracing. They are too unimaginative to have a crisis. At the other end of the spectrum are people who are so sensitive — who live in such a permanent state of tumult and agitation and instability — that they wouldn't recognize a midlife crisis any more than a biker caught in a hurricane would notice wet shoes.

"Is there such a thing as a false midlife crisis?"

Yes, a false midlife crisis (FMC) can be brought on by an unexplained backache, by the sudden sight of an actuarial table, by a birthday, by the need (and it can happen

overnight) for reading glasses, by the arrival of a gray hair.

Under such circumstances some people go into a funk. Mistaking the funk for a midlife crisis, they panic. And the panic then brings on symptoms of the real affliction. The only thing such people have to fear, as I have often put it, is fear itself.

Most FMCs go away in a matter of weeks, or even days, usually when the weather improves, or when the victim gets a lot of vigorous exercise, or when someone provides a massage or other gesture of affection.

"How will I know the real midlife crisis when it comes?"

If your feelings of depression stress, anxiety, terror, confusion, perishability, infirmity, and failure do not go away under the conditions described above then the odds are good that you are having an honest-to-God midlife crisis.

"What do I do then?"
A full-blown midlife crisis is difficult to treat because it is really a constellation of ailments. Its physical equivalent would be spinal meningitis, boils, rheumatoid arthritis, seven-year itch, shingles, ulcers, herpes I and II, influenza, and Rocky Mountain spotted fever all at the same time. The only difference is that a midlife crisis can feel worse.

There is space here for only a few of the psychological ailments that go into a classical case of midlife crisis: melancholia, hypochondria, disorientation, schizoidism, obsessive-compulsive psychoneurosis, heliophobia (a fear of cumbrous, pseudoscientific terms), claustrophobia, hysterical psychosis, autochthonous delusion, and, of course, thanatophobia, or fear of dying.

The single act that can do the most to moderate a midlife crisis is one that we have been taught to scorn from childhood on: running away. Since most people just aren't up to pulling a Gauguin, the next best treatment is what I call "macrodiversionism," or making a Herculean effort to find activities so novel and exciting that the crisis will be overwhelmed, as a microbe is overwhelmed by an antibiotic.

"What diversions are that effective?"
Very few, alas, and all of them are of such a nature as to make their appearance in a family newspaper impossible.

Dispute over malaria

By Iain Guest

GENEVA (G) — In a dispute that has far-reaching implications for the fight against tropical disease, officials at the World Health Organization here are bracing themselves for a possible legal confrontation to protect WHO's access to pioneering research into a malaria vaccine.

The research has been conducted over the last seven years by the husband and wife team of Victor and Ruth Nussenzweig at New York University, with the help of almost \$400,000 from WHO.

The Nussenzweigs have succeeded in isolating the infective stage of the malaria parasite — known as the sporozoite — by extracting it from the salivary glands of mosquitoes, and successfully injected it into monkeys and mice, thereby immunizing them against the disease.

This work is considered by many WHO officials exciting enough to win a Nobel prize. It also looks like peaking just when the fight against malaria is at its lowest ebb for many years. During the 1960s, a WHO malaria eradication program succeeded in reducing the disease through the twin strategy of spraying pesticides and applying drugs.

Today, however, malaria has bitten back.

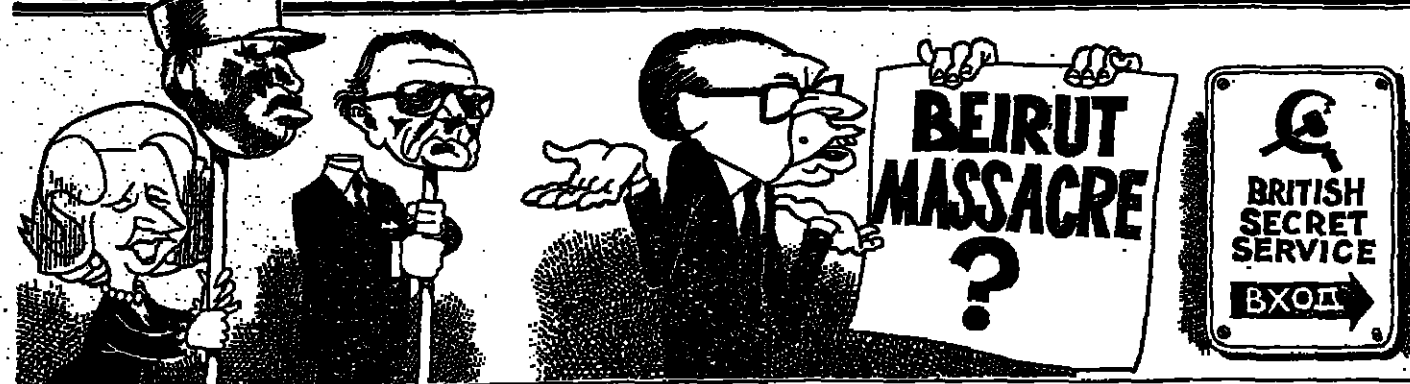
One million children die from it every year in Africa alone, between 150 million and 200 million suffer throughout the world. Eight million new cases were reported in 1980.

At the same time, the parasite has developed an alarming resistance to the latest drug, Chloroquine, while the mosquito is increasingly immune to pesticides. Drug companies are unwilling to spend the huge sums required to develop a new drug, with the result that only two are on the horizon. One, called Mefloquine, is expected to come onto the market next year, and the other, a Chinese drug known as Quinghaosu, has been successfully used inside China, but not outside.

In this gloomy picture, virtually the only good news is emerging from the Nussenzweigs laboratory in New York. Nonetheless, WHO gives its money on certain conditions — first, that the agency (and by implication its 157 member governments) are able to use any invention that results; second, that they enjoy a royalty-free license to use it as they please.

This is in line with WHO's efforts to draw up a model list of "essential drugs" for the use in the Third World. The same line is taken by the USAID, which has also helped fund the Nussenzweigs' research.

Look back at 1982...



THE FALKLANDS WAR:
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STOP KILLING YOURSELF

By Peter J. Steincrohn, M.D., F.A.C.P.
Youngster with arthritis? Check the eyes

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: People are in variously surprised when I tell them that our young daughter suffers from arthritis. In their minds, arthritis is an old person's disease. But you know it isn't. She has had arthritis which the doctor calls juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. Now he tells us that she'd better have her eyes checked. In fact, he scared us by saying that in some patients like my daughter there may be eye complications. I can't understand the connection. Is that possible? — Mrs. F.

Dear Mrs. F.: He is not exaggerating. I suggest that you follow his advice and have an eye specialist take a look — and I don't mean this as a pun. The eye complication may cause blindness if it isn't detected early. It's called iridocyclitis. And it occurs in about 10 percent of all young children with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. Even those with only a few joints affected are susceptible. The condition usually affects both eyes, involving the muscles of the iris and sometimes the cornea, which covers the front of the eye. In its early stages, it may be overlooked because there are no symptoms. The only way it can be detected is by examination performed by an eye specialist. If present, treatment begins immediately with drugs used to dilate the pupils to prevent scar tissue from forming. And corticosteroids are given to control inflammation — either by eyedrops, by mouth or by injection. Diagnosis is so important that the Arthritis Foundation recommends that children with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis be tested at least every six months by an ophthalmologist. Now you can understand that your doctor is scaring you for your daughter's own good, Mrs. F.

MEDICALLETTERS
(Replies to and from readers)

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: It seems the modern world is run on initials. We're so much in a hurry, we don't stop to spell out the entire problem. For example, consider IUD. Most women know what it is, but I'm curious to know just what the initials stand for. And what do you think of IUDs for birth control? — Mrs. U.

Dear Mrs. U.: I see what you mean. Nevertheless, in many instances, initials save us from using difficult tongue-twisters. For example, IUD stands for "intrauterine device." Would you want to be repeating that in discussion with your doctor instead of saying IUD? But, coming down to the main points: what do I think of IUDs for contraception? One estimate is that almost three million women in the United States use them, so they must be effective in birth control. However, the decision should be a one-on-one decision between doctor and patient. Some women shouldn't use IUDs, especially those who have a history of pelvic inflammation. What's good for your neighbor may not be good for you.

(Tomorrow: Cautious use of beta-blockers)

Banks lend \$1b

Argentina takes step to resolve debt crisis

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 (R) — Argentina signed a \$1.1 billion loan with its international bank creditors, marking a major step toward the resolution of its debt crisis.

Citibank, representing the banking consortium, said in a statement the 15-month bridging credit was signed by representatives of about 250 banks and Argentina's central bank.

The loan is designed to meet Argentina's immediate needs and will be followed by a \$1.5 billion, five-year loan and a refinancing of \$5.5 billion of debt falling due by the end of 1983, banking sources said.

The banks include Citibank, Bank of America, Credit Lyonnais of France, Credit Suisse of Switzerland, Deutsch-Südamerikanische Bank of West Germany, Lloyds Bank International of London, Royal Bank of Canada, Bank of Tokyo and other leading financial institutions.

"The success of this syndication is an expression of confidence by the international banking community in Argentina's future," said William Rhodes, a Citibank senior vice president and chairman of the banks' working committee for Argentina.

Argentina fell badly in arrears on its \$43 billion external debt after its unsuccessful seizure of the Falkland Islands from Britain in April. The problems worsened when banks lost confidence in Latin America after Mexico ran into cash problems in August.

The loan is considered of crucial importance of Argentina as the International Monetary Fund is planning a bailout credit on the condition that Buenos Aires first obtain credit from the commercial banks.

Last month IMF President Jacques de Larosiere said the IMF would be prepared in principle to provide \$1.8 billion in credit for Argentina but that the commercial banks would have to put up \$1.5 billion in "new money" to Buenos Aires.

Argentine Economy Minister Jorge Wehbe said in a communiqué released in Buenos Aires Thursday that on Jan. 3 Argentina would put into effect an economic program tentatively agreed with the IMF, including a reduction in the budget deficit and rises in domestic interest rates. The IMF executive board is expected to give final approval to the loan toward the end of January.

African economy in disarray

ADDIS ABABA, Jan. 1 (AFP) — Even the gloomy forecasts for the African economy in 1982 proved to be too optimistic compared with actual economic conditions and performance, the executive secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) said in his traditional year-end review.

Prof. A. Adedeji, giving the review here, said the general decline in economic activity throughout the continent had led to a negative growth rate, accompanied by a "most serious" balance of payments deficit.

African government policies, which were often unfavorable to saving, investment and production, climatic conditions and the serious impact of recession in the industrialized countries, were in large part responsible for the economic deterioration, he said.

The professor is also undersecretary-general of the United Nations, of which the ECA is an agency.

He said the fall in the demand for African exports and a drop in their prices had led to an excess of industrial capacity, while the scarcity of finished products had remained.

"For some months during the year, quite a few African governments had difficulty in paying the salaries and wages of their public servants," Prof. Adedeji noted.

He added that the level of foreign exchange reserves for most African countries had fallen to under one month's imports, the lowest ever.

Even food production, the continent's greatest concern, had grown by only two percent, he said — a lower rate of increase than the previous year and insufficient to keep pace with increasing demand.

He blamed pricing policies in many African countries for lack of progress in the development of the agricultural sector. These policies tended to subsidize urban dwellers the expense of rural communities providing the farmer no incentives to increase production, he said.

Prof. Adedeji forecast a growth rate of 2.5 percent in the agricultural sector for 1983, but warned that even this could be optimistic if export prices for cash crops remained so low that they discouraged production.

In his policy recommendations for the coming year, Adedeji urged African governments to provide adequate incentives to all producers particularly farmers, and to revise the price levels of goods and services.

He also recommended better management of resources to eliminate wastage, the plugging of "leakages" of foreign exchange and a boost in intra-African economic cooperation.

Noting that high interest rates in the money markets had become an additional constraint on the economies of African countries, Adedeji appealed to the international communities to "live up to its commitments to Africa" by stepping up development aid.

Soviets tighten screws on farm aides

MOSCOW, Jan. 1 (R) — The Soviet leadership has warned heads of government ministries linked to agriculture that they will be held personally responsible for ensuring the spring grain crop is sown on time this year.

The message was spelled out at a recent meeting of the Communist Party's ruling Politburo which was reported Saturday in the party newspaper *Pravda*.

Pravda said the Politburo "drew the attention of chiefs of ministries and departments involved in the agro-industrial complex to their personal responsibility for successfully solving all questions to do with preparations for spring sowing."

Tanker market outlook gloomy

LONDON, Jan. 1 (AFP) — The oil tanker market has rough seas ahead, with no revival in sight for at least another two to three years, the London-based shipbroker E. A. Gibson has said.

Even such a distant recovery is dependent on a sufficient depletion of the world's tanker fleet, which in turn requires a doubling of the scrapping rate from this year's figure of 25 million tons deadweight, it added.

The tanker market currently presents a picture of spot voyage chartering, with little or no period employment obtainable.

This will obviously be a continuing pattern, Gibson said, because neither the major charterers nor the independent are able to assess future demand or supply with any accuracy.

The run-down of the world tanker fleet should, however, give some hope that a certain amount of period chartering will be necessary to cover the requirements of major oil companies, the shipbroker added.

The daily added that the Politburo had decided on "necessary measures" to eliminate shortcomings in this area. It gave no details of what the measures would be.

Western agricultural experts say that among the reasons for consistently sluggish agricultural performance in the Soviet Union are poor planning and inadequate preparation of machinery which often mean the optimum time for sowing is missed.

However, *Pravda* said the leadership expressed confidence that farm workers would ensure spring crops would be sown on time to produce a high quality.

The paper said the Politburo heard a report on preparations for spring sowing from Ziya Nuriyev, one of several deputy prime ministers who heads a government commission on agro-industrial questions. It gave no details of his report.

Since taking over the party leadership on Nov. 12, Yuri Andropov has set improvement in the dismal agriculture performance of the last few years as a priority.

The meeting of the 12 senior members of the Politburo and the eight non-voting members was the third such session to be reported since Andropov succeeded the late Leonid Brezhnev.

Publication of the proceedings of such meetings was a rarity under Brezhnev and the new style appears to be intended to assure the Soviet Union that its leadership is paying attention to urgent domestic problems.

The veiled warning to heads of ministries and departments was in line with signs that Andropov intends making economic managers accountable for performance and making sure industrial and agricultural goals are adhered to.

Wall Street

Optimism runs high among stock analysts

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 (R) — Wall Street forecasters see higher stock prices in 1983, basing their view on expectations that the nation's long-awaited economic recovery will finally begin this spring.

A major uncertainty hanging over the stock market is how President Ronald Reagan and the new, more heavily-Democratic Congress will work together, but this has not dimmed market analysts' general optimism.

The analysts, in interviews with Reuters, said the Dow Jones industrial average of 30 leading industrial shares should spend most of 1983 well above the 1000 level — a level not far short of the record high reached by the Dow this year after one of the strongest sustained rallies in Wall Street history.

Spurred by forecasts of lower interest rates, the stock market exploded in mid-August and never looked back. The Dow climbed by some 200 points in the next six weeks in frenzied trading that often exceeded 100 million shares in a single day. As the buying stampede continued, the Dow broke a 10-year-old record closing high on Nov. 3, finishing at 1065.49.

It closed at a record high 1070.55 last Monday from its 1982 low of 776.92 on August 12 before ending the year on a mixed note at 1046.54.

Analyst Newton Zinder of E.F. Hutton and company believes the market has reached a new level in its historic cyclical pattern. "For the balance of the decade we could be looking at the (Dow) 1000 level as a floor, rather than a ceiling as it was in the 1970s," he said.

After its extraordinary rise in recent months, analysts generally expect the stock market to pull back somewhat in the first quarter of 1983 for a period of consolidation. "The first quarter will tend to be lagged," said Monte Gordon of Dreyfus Corporation. "The market will be exhausted from the emotional binge that marked the closing weeks of 1982."

Zinder expects a lengthy consolidation, after a strong start in the new year. "I expect the market to correct down to the (Dow) 980 to 990 range, which isn't that low. But if you reach 1100 at the beginning, which I expect, it will look like a big drop," he said.

Robert Stovall of Dean Witter Reynolds believes the market could fall as low as 920 during 1983, could rise as high as 1190, and should stand at around 1100 a year from now.

"The big risk will be in the first five months," said Stovall. He and other analysts say investors will be closely watching the actions of U.S. President Reagan and



STOCK MARKET RALLY: The year-end rally on Wall Street picked up steam last week with the Dow Jones industrial average climbing 25.48 points to all-time high of 1,070.55. Here floormen at the New York Stock Exchange are seen as busy as beavers.

the new Congress.

"It could be a more difficult environment for both the administration and the Federal Reserve," said Gordon. "If you get major spending bills piling out of Congress and Reagan is no longer seen as invincible, the market will be concerned. It may strive to go higher, but it won't be easy," he said.

However, Gordon still expects the market to move upward and said there was a possibility the Dow could reach 1500, although 1200 was a more likely ceiling.

Chester Pado of G. Tsai and Company expects a strong year for the market but warned that "a turnaround in the economy must occur." He added, "the market is a forecasting tool, and since August the mar-

ket as been saying improvement is coming."

Most other major U.S. economic indicators have not pointed to a recovery with the certainty that the stock market has, but Pado considers stock prices a fairly dependable harbinger of the economy's direction.

"There have been times when the market has been wrong in both directions, but if one had to bet on any one indicator I would choose the market above any other," he said.

Zinder said that even sluggish economic recovery should not interrupt the market's uptrend. "The recovery is expected to be slow, so the only surprise in that area would be if it were stronger than expected," he said.

Weekly commodities

Gold, silver surge in restricted trading

LONDON, Jan. 1 (AFP) — Commodity markets fluctuated nervously this week during the restricted trading because of the year-end holidays.

New peaks for the year were established for copper, silver and aluminium, and gold topped its highest for three months. Cocoa held firm, reaching new nine-month highs.

Early encouragement provided from the cut in United States interest rates, but sentiment was later unsettled following increases in broker loan rates by major U.S. banks.

Year-end considerations attracted limited buying at first, but price movements were often exaggerated because of the seasonal quietness of the markets.

An excuse for late buying came from sterling's loss of early firmness. The pound eased because, as a petro-currency, it would be directly affected by the cuts in crude oil prices that are now being mooted.

Gold reached its highest since early September, aided as it was by the rise in New York and the weakness of the dollar against European currencies. But then profit-taking intervened.

Silver reached a two-year record, although market stocks continued to rise. Platinum moved with gold, while palladium was quoted at an 18-month high.

Copper touched a new 15-month high despite the very sharp rise stocks to 244.350 tons, the highest since April 1979. Aluminium, although subdued by a further stock increase to a record 236.775 tons, edged up to its highest since last December.

Lead followed copper, although metal in warehouses amounted to a record 126,000 tons. Zinc fluctuated higher as stocks were reduced for the fourth successive week.

Nickel showed late firmness, having eased at first after the sharp stock rise to 5.892 tons — the highest since July 1980.

Tin remained steady, supported by the tin

council's buffer stock buying in both London and Penang. The surprise 465-ton rise in stocks to 33,425 tons made little impact.

Rubber trading was very subdued, although there was further support buying by the International Natural Rubber organization's buffer stock manager. Futures trading was concerned mostly with switching positions.

Among textiles, wool top prices were unchanged as the Yorkshire industry took an extended year-end holiday. Many cotton mills remained shut. Cotton trading in Liverpool was very limited, with African and Middle Easterns attracting most attention.

East African sisal producers were said to be resisting the recent very low bids made by buyers. Jute remained unchanged. There were no tea auctions this week. They will be resumed on Tuesday Jan. 4.

"Grain futures were virtually the same throughout in neglected conditions. Imported grains had slightly lower prices marked against U.S. northern spring wheat and French maize."

Vegetable oils were very quiet. In thin trading, some buying interest was noted for sunflowerseed oil. Linseed oil, priced in sterling, fluctuated on currency factors.

Sugar futures eased, and "spot" whites (refined) sugar fell to its lowest for two weeks because of the current abundance of European Economic Community supplies and a rumored cheap sale to Syria by an unknown source. Egyptian purchases were also said to have been done at below market levels.

Cocoa's early firmness was difficult to maintain in view of selling offers from Ghana.

products," the paper added.

The *People's Daily* also called for Chinese export products to be more competitive, by raising their quality, improving often primitive packaging, and better advertising methods.

In another official newspaper, Shanghai's Wen Hui Bao, a prominent Chinese industrialist said China should invest abroad, as well as attracting foreign investment to China, as a means of improving its knowledge of up-to-date foreign know-how.

This idea was put forward by Liu Jingji, chairman of the Shanghai Federation of Industry and Commerce and himself a rich former capitalist.

A major problem hindering the modernization of Chinese industry is that many of China's best businessmen fled the country in the 1950s as their property was expropriated by the Communists.

PEKING, Jan. 1 (R) — China called on its state-run trading houses to take advantage of the current slump in the capitalist world to import badly-needed equipment at lower prices.

"The capitalist economies are experiencing a slump at the moment," the *People's Daily* said in a new year's eve editorial. "The prices of many products are dropping while only a few are rising. We should make good use of this opportunity...to import some badly-needed technology, equipment and materials to live on our domestic economy."

At the same time the Communist Party paper called for greater protectionism against some types of imports such as consumer products to assist its own industries. "Blind importing must be opposed and we must protect our national industries. We must strictly control imports of equipment we can make and supply ourselves, especially consumer

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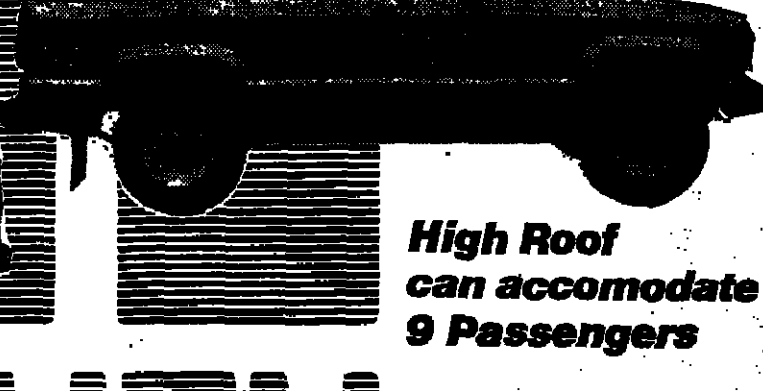
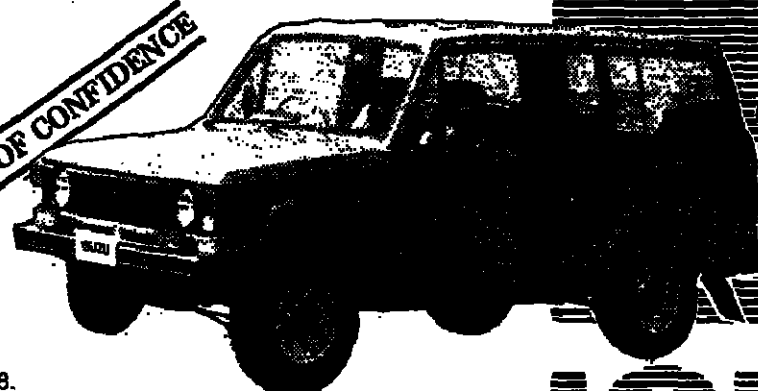
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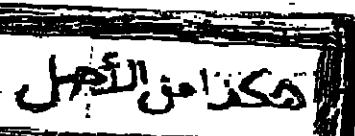
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Government says

U.S. big industry set for a comeback

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP) — U.S. big industry will make a broad-based comeback in 1983, with four out of every five manufacturing categories expected to increase shipments over recession-plagued 1982, the administration says.

Recovery for the overall economy will be only moderate, and some industries will not share in the upturn, but the trend is toward improvement, according to the Commerce Department's 588-page, 1983 U.S. industrial outlook.

The report, released Friday, said 82 percent of the 212 manufacturing industries reviewed for the book expect higher shipments next year than in 1982. Only 31 percent showed growth this year over 1981.

A summary report on the big book said several large industries "hold the key to the recovery and to long-term economic growth." Those include construction, autos, steel and savings and loan associations, each of which "had a very difficult 1982," it said.

The report said the building sector would see an upturn, with the value of new buildings rising by four percent in constant terms to reach the highest level since 1978.

The auto industry will also improve with the value of delivered vehicles rising by 29 percent.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Currency	Quoted at 5:00 p.m. Saturday	Cash	Transfer
British Pound	9.10	9.135	9.135
Deutsche Mark (100)	74.10	74.10	74.10
French Franc (1,000)	278.00	278.00	278.00
Italian Lira (1,000)	145.50	145.50	145.50
Japanese Yen (100)	131.50	131.50	131.50
Swiss Franc (100)	3.20	3.17	3.17
U.S. Dollar	93.80	93.75	93.75
U.S. Dollar (1,000)	51.50	51.50	51.50
U.S. Dollar (1,000)	49.17	49.17	49.17
U.S. Dollar (1,000)	35.59	35.59	35.59
U.S. Dollar (1,000)	6.25	6.25	6.25
U.S. Dollar (1,000)	25.50	25.50	25.50
U.S. Dollar (1,000)	9.85	9.85	9.85
U.S. Dollar (1,000)	11.95	11.95	11.95
U.S. Dollar (1,000)	90.70	90.70	90.70
U.S. Dollar (1,000)	56.00	56.00	56.00
U.S. Dollar (1,000)	28.10	28.10	28.10
U.S. Dollar (1,000)	3.62	3.62	3.62
U.S. Dollar (1,000)	99.50	99.50	99.50
U.S. Dollar (1,000)	163.00	163.00	163.00
U.S. Dollar (1,000)	172.50	172.50	172.50
U.S. Dollar (1,000)	60.80	60.80	60.80
U.S. Dollar (1,000)	3.45	3.44	3.44
U.S. Dollar (1,000)	75.55	75.10	75.10

Source: U.S. Commerce Dept. The above rates are for U.S. dollars only. For other currencies, see the "Foreign Exchange Rates" section on page 10.

SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closing Date
Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Asphalt paving and lighting of Najran	227	5,000	Jan. 15
Directorate of Health Affairs, Hail Region	Catering for Hail Hospital, 1403-4	—	500	Jan. 8
Ministry of Education, College of Education, Security Forces	Setting up a training hall	—	4,000	Dec. 18
University of Petrochemicals and Minerals	Maintenance of campus gardens	—	250	Dec. 15
Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Supervision of Tabuk beautification project	229	1,000	Jan. 4
Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Filling-in of low lying areas in Ralwa (Third time)	2/230	500	Jan. 16

ORTS AUTHORITY

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SHIP MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON
15TH RABI AL AWWAL 1403/30TH DECEMBER 1982

Ship	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
1	Marzio-Arcadia	A.E.T.	Containers/Trailers	29.12.82
2	Automobile Ace	A.E.T.	Vehicles	29.12.82
3	Penny 'S'	El Hawi	Gen./Containers	29.12.82
4	Ondurman	A.E.T.	Durra	29.12.82
5	Ming Summer	A.E.T.	Bagged Barley	29.12.82
6	Balder Gent	Alawail	Bagged Sugar	29.12.82
7	Tropicana	O.C.E.	Reefers	29.12.82
8	Shina Nejd	Star	Bananas	16.12.82
9	Cocodr	Star	Gen./Steel	24.12.82
10	Caridon	Star	General/Steel	24.12.82
11	Island Carrier	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	24.12.82
12	Sagor Jeddah	Alsbah	Bulk Cement	24.12.82
13	Al Mareekh	Star	Fruits/Chicken	24.12.82
14	Maldive Trader	O'Trade	Steel/Gen.	25.12.82
15	Nour	Hitta	Containers/Plant	25.12.82
16	Saudi Jeddah	M.E.S.A.	Ume/Gen./Timber	24.12.82
17	Khartoum	A.E.T.	Durra	24.12.82
18	Kavo Grossos	El Hawi	Bagged Sugar	23.12.82
19	Asia-Freeze	O.C.E.	Reefers	23.12.82
20	Bora Universal	Star	Reefers	25.12.82
21	Sie Kim	El Hawi	Reefers/Gen.	21.12.82
22	Gulard	Star	Paper/Steel/Calcium	25.12.82
23	Amfrit	Gulf	Containers	24.12.82
24	Ming Young	Minco	General	23.12.82
25	Molha	Star	General	25.12.82
26	Onis	Attar	Vehicles	25.12.82
27	Rofira	A.E.T.	Bagged Barley	20.12.82
28	Maldive Prize	Bamaodah	Bagged Barley	20.12.82

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15.3.1403/30.12.1982 CHANGES OF THE PAST 24 HOURS

Ship	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
1	Al Riyadh	Ori	Barley/Corn	28.12.82
2	Natasha	Alawail	Steel/Gen.	29.12.82
3	Fathulkar	Ori	General	23.12.82
4	Enjila Uno	Gosaibi	Bagged Sugar	22.12.82
5	Luchun	Ori	Loading Urea	26.12.82
6	Sharp Island	UEP	General	25.12.82
7	New Lark	Ori	Gen./Cont.	24.12.82
8	Darya Kamal	SMC	Timber/Reefers	23.12.82
9	Nikos N	SMC	General	25.12.82
10	Mallow Everett	Gulf	Bananas	25.12.82
11	Hellenic Spirit	Gulf	Containers	20.12.82
12	Regent Quince (D.B.)	Alsbah	Bulk Cement	27.10.77
13	Arabian Luluah	Barber	Cement Silo VSL	17.12.82
14	Mertina-Aflos (D.B.)	Globe	Bulk Cement	24.12.82
15	Barge-Salati-10	Alsalimi	Loading Eq	24.12.82
16	Hellenic Spirit	Gulf	Containers	25.12.82
17	Sharp Island	UEP	General	25.12.82
18	Mallow Everett	Gulf	Bananas	26.12.82
19	Luchun	Ori	To Load Urea	26.12.82
20	Brazilian Sky	Alfreze	Bulk Cement	26.12.82

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Asia-Pacific borrowing soars

HONG KONG, Jan. 1 (R) — A Asia-Pacific borrowers raised an unprecedented \$27.54 billion through offshore syndicated credits in 1982, 48.9 percent more than last year, Asian finance magazine said in a regional loan survey report.

Australia led the borrowers' league with \$6.32 billion raised through 33 deals, mainly for its big resource-based projects. This more than doubled its previous year's borrowing.

South Korea, maintaining an established steady borrowing pace, raised the second highest amount of \$4.86 billion but tapped the market most with 54 deals, the survey shows.

The survey, to be published in the monthly magazine's January edition, shows New Zealand was the third largest borrower with \$3.60 billion, up 383.5 percent from 1981.

Other major borrowers were Malaysia with \$2.62 billion, Hong Kong 1.75 billion, Indonesia 1.67 billion, the Philippines 1.40 billion, India 1.17 billion, Singapore 794.9 million and Thailand 738.8 million.

Much of the overall volume increase came from project financing, and some 179 banks

from around the world were involved in Asia-Pacific syndications this year, many of them U.S. regional banks seen in this region for the first time.

The report said, however, that all in all volumes are expected to fall somewhat in 1983. Sovereign borrowers for instance are likely to be more cautious in the face of higher prices.

Also, because a number of Australian projects have been postponed due to difficult economic conditions, it is doubtful that country will generate the same degree of demand as last year, it said.

The size of individual Australian deals this year is well illustrated by a CSR Ltd, \$950 million funding in connection with its acquisition of Delhi Petroleum, and a 1.25 billion financing for the Eraring Power Co. of New South Wales.

The survey report notes too that New Zealand, whose 1982 borrowing included a \$1.7 billion jumbo deal for the New Zealand Synthetic Fuel Corp. to fund a gas-to-gasoline project, does not have any other massive project in the pipeline.

Britons go on record spending spree

LONDON, Jan. 1 (AFP) — Shrugging off the recession and record postwar unemployment, Britain is indulging in a year-end binge of spend-now-pay-later consumer spending that is without equal over the past 10 years.

The spending spree, which began in August after the abolition of all official restrictions on credit sales, snowballed with the approach of the festive season, then ballooned this week in record-breaking seasonal sales.

Shoppers are clawing their way through the

Prague industrial production rises

VIENNA, Jan. 1 (R) — Czechoslovakia's economy performed better than planned in 1982 with a one percent rise in industrial production over last year against a planned rise of 0.4 percent despite overall worse conditions, the official Ceteka news agency reported.

But the industrial production target figure was 0.2 percent lower than that predicted last March, indicating that adverse economic pressures had forced a downward revision of the plan, analysts said.

Ceteka said this year the economy had to cope with a drop in fuel resources and the effects of a bad harvest in 1981.

Oil imports from the Soviet Union, which account for about 90 percent of the country's total consumption were 1.6 million tons, or 17.6 percent, lower than in 1981, according to official figures published earlier.

BRIEFS

BRUSSELS, (AFP) — The European Economic Community and Gabon have signed a 2,700 million CFA franc (\$8.06 million) deal for the EEC to help finance mining prospecting in Gabon through the European Development Fund, the two sides announced here. The EEC will contribute 1,700 million CFA francs and Gabon the balance. Prospecting will start early next year and last for 28 months.

WIESBADEN, (R) — The West German import price index, base 1976, rose 0.1 percent to 147.1 in November from October to stand 2.7 percent higher than November 1981, the federal statistics office said. Import prices fell 1.7 percent in the year to October after a 0.6 percent fall in the year to September.

ALGIERS, (AFP) — Algeria has denied rumors that it is to revise the terms of its 1980 contract to sell Belgium 5,000 million cubic meters of natural gas a year for 20 years. Senior officials said the contract, between Distrigaz of Belgium and Sonatrach of Algeria, had never been the subject of government-level discussions.

AMSTERDAM, (R) — Dutch gold and

foreign exchange reserves rose 352 million guilders to 39.66 billion in the week ended Dec. 27, the central bank's weekly return showed. The increase partly reflected central bank purchases of around 500 million guilders of Belgian francs in the week in support of the Belgian unit, money dealers said.

PEKING, (AFP) — The Bank of China is preparing to reimburse companies and individuals for Chinese assets in the United States which the U.S. government unblocked in 1979 after a 30-year freeze. The new China News Agency (NCNA) reported that the Chinese government had decided to authorize the Bank of China to settle repayments of all assets which the bank had already recovered from the United States or other countries.

WASHINGTON, (R) — U.S. farm prices decreased 1.6 percent in December after increasing 1.8 percent last month and were 0.8 percent below last year, the U.S. Agriculture Department said. The overall fall in farm prices reflected lower values for oranges, tomatoes, cattle and eggs.

Financial Roundup

Dollar closes on firm note

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Jan. 1 — The dollar closed on a slightly firmer note on the year-end closing markets in New York. Trading was extremely thin and unadventurous with profit-taking and book-squaring dominating nearly all the major transactions.

Eurodollar rates closed somewhat up and uneven after the Federal Reserve's "Fed fund" prime lending rate shot up to 14-14 1/4 percent levels but closed the year lower at 9 1/4 percent. The "Fed" injected liquidity into the banking system to avoid giving the impression that it was sidetracking from its recent policy of engineering interest rates down. Still, Eurodollar deposit rates closed firmer at 9 7/16 percent for the one-year period. No more commercial banks followed suit and cut their prime lending rates to 11 percent following Chase Manhattan's action last week. In fact Thursday night saw several of the larger U.S. clearing banks raise their broker loan rates by one half percent to 11 1/2 percent levels.

The American currency, despite its recent slide, closed the year on a for stronger levels compared to December 1981. The French franc, sterling and the yen are still below the levels reached a year ago but the Swiss franc and the German mark are also weaker. The British pound closed the year on a note of uncertainty over

confusion of OPEC oil pricing, and sterling traded at the 1.6190 levels in New York after rising to 1.6250 earlier in Europe.

The Japanese yen was also down to 234.60 from 232.00 levels reached last week, but the German mark was steady at 2.3750. The Swiss franc slipped to 2.00 levels on profit-taking, after fluctuating around the 1.9980 all week. The French franc was 100 points weaker at 6.7400 but over one franc lower compared to prices a year ago.

Bullion dealers can look back with satisfaction for despite all the wild fluctuations of the past year, prices have closed well higher compared with December 1981 levels. Gold is up by nearly \$51 an ounce at \$448 while silver has put more than 52 cents to close at just over the \$11.00 levels. Some last minute profit-taking caused prices to fall, but trading was extremely thin.

The local markets entered the new year on a cautious and uneven note with prices fluctuating by between 1/2 and 1/4 percent on the shorter tenors and remaining steady on the longer-dated funds. The week-fixed deposit was slightly stronger at 5 1/2 - 6 1/4 percent but the one-month JIBOR fell to 6 - 6 1/2 percent at one stage. The one-year rate was quoted at 8 1/2 - 9 1/4 percent in very thin trading. Spot rial dollar rates were quoted at 3.4400-05.

Tourism poised to forge ahead

NEW DELHI, Jan. 1 (R) — Tourism, fostered by the development of mass air travel, could become the world's largest public service industry by the end of this century, according to officials at an international air travel conference here.

World tourism has increased at an average rate of 6.3 percent a year since the 1960s to reach a record 285 million tourists in 1981, delegates to the congress of the International Civil Airports Association (ICAA) were told.

By the end of the decade tourist arrivals across the globe could reach 536 million, according to a study by members of the travel industry, major airlines and the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

Bryan Tutty, a director of IATA which groups 123 airlines, said that although the tourist industry was feeling the effects of the global recession, future prospects for the industry were brighter than for most other industries.

Tourism, he said, was predicted to become the world's largest public service industry by the year 2000 when, according to one major airline, ninety percent of its passengers would be leisure travelers, compared with about 75 percent today.

In the past 25 years, he said, the cost of air travel had been slashed in real terms by 50 percent, opening up large parts of the world for mass travel and transforming air transport from something serving only the wealthy in less than a generation.

Delegates at the conference, held in Delhi this month, were told that Europe was the

biggest tourist center, taking more than 70 percent of the world's tourist business in 1979.

The Americas came second with around 18 percent, Asia and the Pacific region third with five percent and Africa next with around three percent.

Much of Europe's tourism is inter-regional, with Spain, Italy, Greece and France receiving 101 million visitors from nearby countries in 1980, said Michel Petillault, director of development and finance at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport. In that year, he said, European countries earned \$60 billion from tourism.

Other parts of the world were also trying to get a larger share of the lucrative business and Asia had recorded an average 20 percent a year growth in tourism recently, he said.

Key Asian destinations were Singapore, which expected to receive four million visitors by 1983 and Hong Kong which took in 2.5 million in 1981, Petillault said.

Black Africa remained effectively out of the tourist business, except for Kenya. But the countries of North Africa bordering the Mediterranean took a total 4.3 million visitors in 1979, most coming from Europe.

The North American market received 35 million visitors in 1980, while 7.4 million Americans and Canadians took their holidays in Europe and another 1.2 million visited Asia.

While Asia was an emerging tourist destination, Petillault said, stronger competition could be expected in the medium term from South America and the Caribbean.

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Jones engineers Arkansas' triumph

HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 1 (AP) — Arkansas quarterback Tom Jones engineered two touchdowns in the fourth quarter on a 25-yard pass to Jessie Clark and a 1-yard keeper to rally the 14th-ranked Razorbacks to a 28-24 victory over Florida Friday night in the 24th Bluebonnet Bowl.

Trailing 24-14, Jones took charge of the Hogs' new 1-formation offense and hit Clark all alone in the end zone early in the fourth quarter.

Then, with 8:04 to go, Jones drove 1-yard for the winning touchdown to spoil a determined upset bid by Florida quarterback Bob Hewko, who hit a Bowl-record three touchdowns passes of 3, 13 and 17 yards to wide receiver Wayne Dixon.

Hewko earned the start after rallying the Gators to a 13-10 victory over Florida State and didn't wait long to take advantage of his chance, hitting Dixon with touchdown shots of 3 and 13 yards.

A 34-yard field goal by sophomore Bobby Raymond gave Florida a 17-7 halftime lead. Arkansas closed out its season with a 9-2-1 record, and the Gators fell to 8-4.

Jackson adjudged best-known athlete

By Susan Saporito
Houston Bureau
HOUSTON, Jan. 1 — Reggie Jackson, California Angels' outfielder, was adjudged America's best-known athlete following a survey conducted by an advertising agency recently.

In a poll of 1,080 males and 634 females of the agency's consumer panel, Jackson edged golfer Jack Nicklaus and ex-boxer Sugar Ray Leonard.

The remaining top ten in order were: Pete Rose of the Philadelphia Phillies, tennis star Chris Evert Lloyd, Jimmy Connors, Bjorn Borg, Pittsburgh Steeler quarterback Terry Bradshaw, tennis great John McEnroe and female tennis star Tracy Austin.

Nicklaus was voted the most likable athlete (followed by Bradshaw and golfer Tom Watson), as well as the most believable when endorsing a product, with Watson and Evert next in line.

Meanwhile, Jim Thorpe, considered by many as one of the greatest athletes in American history, will have his Olympic gold medals restored this month in a ceremony in Los Angeles.

Thorpe's daughter, though, claims the ceremony wouldn't have meant much to the athlete. "He knew he won those races, the guys he raced against knew it," said Grace Thorpe of Prague, Okla. She said the Jan. 17 ceremony is a matter of pride to her and her children after years of effort by thousands who supported her father.



CLOSE CALL: Canadian goalkeeper S. Mickle (sprawled) foils Finland's K. Rutu (No. 20) and K. Kanervo's (No. 12) bid to reach the net during the Junior World Ice-Hockey Championship in Leningrad recently. The Canadian won the match 6-3.

Sabres bombard Islanders

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 (AP) — Gilles Hamel scored two of Buffalo's three goals in the third period Friday as the Sabres skated to a surprisingly easy 5-1 National Hockey League victory over the New York Islanders.

In other matches, the Edmonton Oilers scored five unanswered goals in the third period for an 8-1 thrashing of the Vancouver Canucks.

Joe Paterson scored at 2:42 of the final period to snap a 1-1 tie and the Detroit Red Wings went on to beat the Chicago Black Hawks 4-1.

Boston scored a third-period goal to lead the Bruins to a 5-3 victory over the Minnesota North Stars.

Meanwhile, the touring Soviet Union ice hockey team beat the "Nordiques" of Quebec 3-0 in Quebec Friday in the second match of the Soviet squad's North American tour.

The Soviet skaters' greater mobility counterbalanced the solid defensive work of the home team.

The Canadian team's most dangerous players were the three Stastny brothers, former Czechoslovak internationals now living in the west. Friday night the Soviet tourists were due to meet the "Canadians" of Montreal, led by Guy Lafleur, one of the stars of Canadian ice hockey.

Paris-Dakar Rally flagged off

PARIS, Jan. 1 (AP) — Cars, trucks and motorcycles began departing at 30-second intervals Saturday from Paris' Place de la Concorde on the first-leg of the 10,000-kilometer (6,250-mile) Paris-Dakar Trans-Sahara Rally, one of the world's toughest competitions.

The Rally is expected to end Jan. 20 on the Atlantic Coast Beach at Dakar, Senegal, after a rough ride through France, Algeria, Niger, Upper Volta, Ivory Coast, Mali and Mauritania.

The motorcycles, 112 of them, started first, beginning at 8 a.m. Paris time (0700 GMT), followed by 196 cars and 12 trucks. The first leg of the Rally will take the competitors to Orleans, then to the military camp at Grenouilles.

The caravan then will head for Toulouse, traveling Saturday night and Sunday via Carcassonne, Beziers and Montpellier to Nimes. Sunday they will embark at the Mediterranean port of Sete for a ferry trip to Algiers, arriving Tuesday morning.

The winner of the car and truck competition will be the crew nearest the high speed average set by the organizers. The motorcycles will be judged on actual time taken.

Some stages of the race involve up to 600 kilometers (360 miles) of straight racing over sand and rock desert.

Most of the cars entered in this fifth edition of the Rally are four-wheel drive vehicles and dune buggies. The competitors have 120 support vehicles following them and four DC-3 Dakotas, three helicopters and a light plane which will overfly the route to pinpoint anyone in trouble.

One famous name missing is British Prime Minister's son Mark Thatcher, who was the object of an expensive full-scale search when his car broke down in Algeria during last year's race. But other well known people are still preparing to face the hazards of the grueling 8,000 kms (5,000 miles) race.

French yachtsman Alain Gabbay, runner up in the last round of the world race, will be at the "helm" of a British Range Rover, one of the most popular vehicles in the category for four-wheelers.

As Rono abandons Sao Paulo meet

Carlos Lopes does it cool and calm

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Jan. 1 (R) — Carlos Lopes of Portugal fulfilled his long-held dream when he won the traditional New Year's eve Round-The-Houses race in Sao Paulo comfortably ahead of second-placed Colombian Victor Mora.

Rosa Mota of Portugal made it a double triumph for her country when she was the first woman to finish the race.

His face covered in sweat after completing the 13.5 km (8.4 mile) course in an unofficial time of 39 minutes 41.05 seconds, Lopes climbed the champion's rostrum just before midnight. Veteran Mora, who was looking for his fifth victory in the race, came in about half a minute after Lopes.

Brazilian Jose Joao da Silva was given a standing ovation as he came in third. He was a national hero in 1980 after becoming the first

home-winner for three years. Britain's David Clarke finished fourth. Crowds lined up the streets in the warm night to watch thousands of athletes participating in the 58th running of the event.

Surprise of the night was the retirement of favorite Henry Rono of Kenya, holder of the 3,000, 10,000 and 3,000 meters steeplechase world records. He gave up just five km (three miles) from the starting line. "I twisted my foot and had problems with my knee," he said later.

Winner Lopes, 35, ran his first Sao Paulo round-the-houses in 1970, coming 15th. He took third place in 1971 and 1973 and had victory snatched from him in 1976 when a leg muscle gave way 800 meters from the finishing line.

This time Lopes took the lead from Zac-

baria Barie of Tanzania less than half way through the race and steadily widened the gap.

Mora, 38, grabbed second place from the Brazil's Jose Joao da Silva on an uphill climb near the end. Britain's Dave Clark showed his endurance, built up by cross-country running, by pulling out of the field on the final stretch to join the front runners.

Meanwhile, Steve Harris of Britain won the annual New Year's eve Cross Country race in Madrid Friday night. Harris covered the 10.5 kilometers (six and a half miles) through the Maguurban area in 29 minutes 36 seconds.

European 10,000 meters record holder Mamede of Portugal finished second. About a hundred runners took part in the event in cold but dry weather.

England gambles on Randall's fitness

SYDNEY, Jan. 1 (AP) — England selectors Saturday gambled on the fitness and confidence of batsman Derek Randall and included him in the 12 to meet Australia in the Ashes deciding fifth Test starting at the SCG on Sunday.

Randall had a cracked bone at the base of his nose from a Michael Holding delivery in the One-day game against Tasmania in Launceston on Dec. 22 and was forced to withdraw from the fourth Test lineup.

The England squad is: Geoff Cook, Chris Tavare, David Gower, Allan Lamb, Ian Botham, Derek Randall, Geoff Miller, Derek Pringle, Eddie Hemmings, Bob Taylor, Bob Willis (cap), Norman Cowans. Either Pringle or Hemmings will be dropped from the squad in the morning.

In-form opener Graeme Fowler wasn't considered for selection after limping from the nets this morning still in discomfort from a fractured big toe in his right foot.

Willis is convinced Randall has recovered and is in the right frame of mind to face fast bowlers under match conditions again. But the England skipper confessed he was worried about Randall's stunning blow and its after effects. "We were all concerned how he was affected for a few days after the nasty knock — he became so obsessed at getting back into the nets that we had to slow him down," Willis said.

"But he has a great spirit and went for a five-mile run Friday, Randall, 31, a veteran of 36 Tests, said at the nets Saturday morning: "It was the worst blow I've had in my career. "I just don't know how I missed the ball, although the wicket was a bit tricky."

The war of nerves between Greg Chappell and Willis continued with the England captain still insisting it was Australia that was under pressure and not the tourists. "If we can score sufficient runs then we must have the advantage over their lineup," said Willis.

England manager Doug Insole denied Willis had been upset by the publicity over Cowan's wicket haul in Melbourne and critic-

ism by the West Indian born's parents in London over the tactical handling of their son in earlier Tests. "It's all a bit of a joke in the side, although it mildly embarrassed Norman," said Insole.

"But rest assured it won't have any effect on Cowan or his performances in this Test," he said.

Willis said he had inspected the SCG wicket being prepared for the crucial clash and said it looked like lasting for at least three days, and perhaps the five.

The Australians had a total rest day in contrast to the hard working Englishmen, who spent nearly three hours in warming up exercises, batting, bowling and fielding practice.

Australian sailors fancied

PARIS, Jan. 1 (AFP) — Australia could present a formidable threat to the supremacy of the United States in this year's America's Cup Yachting series off Rhode Island, sports daily L'Equipe said here Friday.

The host country has won the trophy all 24 times it has been put up for grabs since 1851, but the newspaper believes the Australians are the "best placed" to end the unbroken run. "Three Australia syndicates are currently in training, and since only one challenge is accepted from each country, the successful crew will have already beaten two others before the official racing begins," it said.

"Teams from other countries are likely to have had much less intensive practice." The Italians have a new boat, Azura, paid for by Fiat and other Italian manufacturers and designed by top naval architects. But in L'Equipe's view the team's lack of men with good experience of the America's Cup could prove a handicap.

The 12 meter vessels used in the competition are regarded as the "Formula One" machines of yachting and require great skill

Chappell said at the Australian net practice Friday that Allan Border would remain at No. 6 in the batting order after his fighting, unbeaten 62 in the last wicket partnership in Melbourne with Jeff Thomson almost won the fourth Test.

David Hookes, who came in at No. 5, hit a punishing, if fortunate 68. Chappell aimed to take the pressure off Border, who was fighting for form and runs after a dismal 12 months in New Zealand, Pakistan and at home.

The Australian squad, with Graeme Wood the likely 12th man, is: John Dyson, Kepler Wessels, Greg Chappell (captain), Kim Hughes, David Hookes, Allan Border, Rod Marsh, Bruce Yardley, Geoff Lawson, Rod Hogg, Jeff Thomson, Graeme Wood.

to make best use of.

A Canadian group, competing in the America's Cup for the first time, have been hit by money problems, while it is not yet known if Sweden will enter a yacht at all.

The French challenge, backed by a Video Magnate is carrying out winter trials off Miami, but the team have less money than they would like and are making do with a modified version of their 1980 craft.

Cricket tourney

By a Staff Writer
JEDDAH, Jan. 1 — The Benson & Hedges Cricket League which gets underway on Jan. 6 will be played this year on the newly prepared concrete pitches.

The 22-over per team League will be played on Thursday noons with each bowler restricted to just four overs. Four points will be awarded to the winners while a tie will fetch two points each.

On the opening day Zahid Tractor face 1395 at Qvaf Pak Saudi take on IAC at WACCA and Petrofinir battle it out with Bank Al Jazira at Johar.

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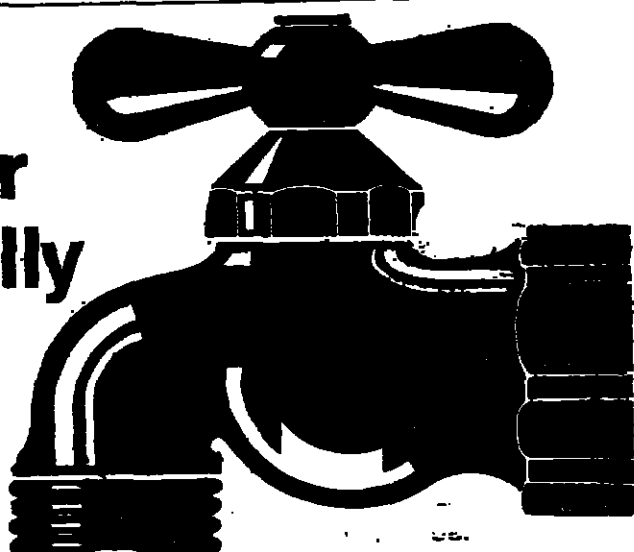
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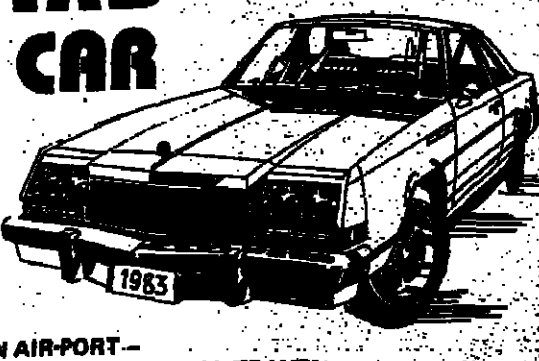
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BBC man told to leave Poland

LONDON, Jan. 1 (Agencies) — Kevin Ruane, Warsaw correspondent of the British Broadcasting Corp., has been given until the end of next week to leave Poland, the BBC said Friday night.

Ruane, described by the BBC as one of its most experienced foreign correspondents, was advised that his credentials will not be renewed for 1983. His accreditation ends at midnight Friday but he was given until next Friday to wind up his affairs.

The BBC said Polish authorities were offended by a Panorama program Dec. 13 dealing with the introduction of martial law in Poland and also with Polish language radio broadcasts in the BBC's external services. A spokesman for the corporation said it had been given no indication how long the ban will last but he said a Polish Foreign Ministry official had said it would last until "a concrete initiative to redress the propaganda damage to Poland" was forthcoming.

The spokesman said during the ban the ability to report reliably and at first hand would "inevitably be damaged." The spokesman said: "It is a matter of the greatest

regret that the Polish authorities have taken action against Kevin Ruane, who is one of the BBC's most experienced foreign correspondents and whose reporting from Poland is held in the highest regard."

Many Poles welcomed the suspension of martial law with skepticism and forboding on New Year's eve, resentful of tight new social controls designed to prevent a fresh challenge to Communist authorities.

Units of blue-coated police, with machine pistols slung over their shoulders, mingled with vendors peddling bright balloons which Poles use to decorate their homes during festivals. A chilling fog and slushy streets contributed to an overall mood of gloom as residents of Warsaw pondered the martial law suspension.

"In the 1950s, we had Stalinism, but it wasn't written into law. Now it has been put into legislation," said one government employee, referring to legislation that gives authorities much more control over Poland than before the declaration of martial law Dec. 13, 1981. A senior Polish Communist Party Secretary, Kazimierz Barcikowski,

repeated the official statement that no date has been set for complete lifting of martial law, but predicted that it "can be worked out during the coming year."

Martial law leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski has warned that the harsh aspects of the military crackdown can be reimposed, without warning, if the authorities feel threatened. Suspension of martial law made little immediate difference in the life of the average Pole. The single most obvious change was in telephone communications, which were severed early during the "state of war" and later restored with tight restrictions.

A recorded female voice which warned each caller that the "conversation is controlled" was withdrawn at midnight Thursday (2300 GMT) and direct dial service was restored to some foreign countries, including Britain and Sweden. Many of the most restrictive aspects of the military crackdown were eased months ago, including regular patrols of armored vehicles in the streets, a curfew and a ban on domestic travel.

With the suspension, Poles regained the right to assemble publicly without special permission, but still have not regained the easy access to travel abroad they enjoyed before the crackdown. The single most restrictive measure taken during the past year was an Oct. 8 bill outlawing the independent Solidarity labor movement.

U.K. arrests 44 anti-Cruise demonstrators

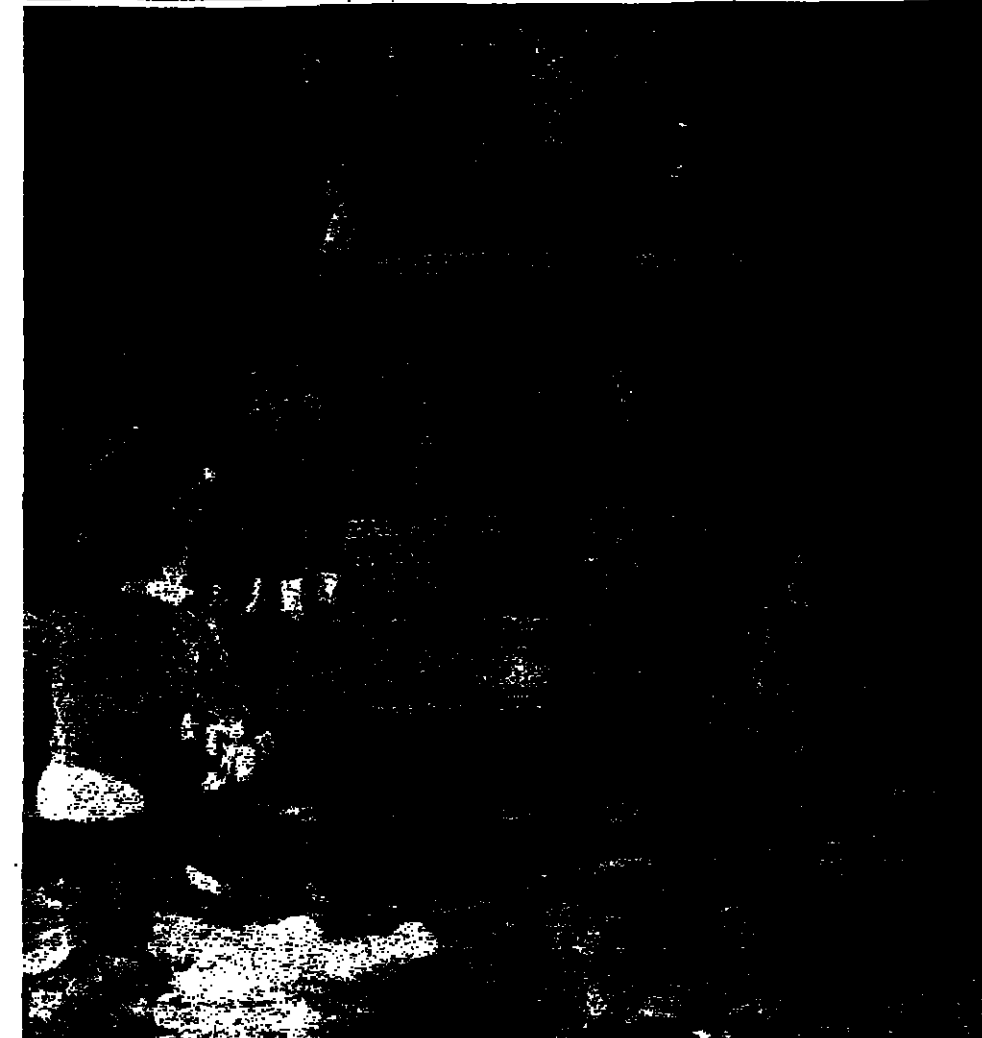
LONDON, Jan. 1 (AFP) — A group of 44 women disarmament supporters were arrested Saturday after entering Greenham Common Anglo-U.S. Military Base west of London during a demonstration against the planned deployment of American Cruise missiles, police reported. A police officer said the women were arrested for breach of the peace after a sit-in of more than an hour on base property.

Members of the women's peace movement have been demonstrating for some months in front of the base, one of two sites where the missiles will be installed next November.

French arms supply to China suggested

PEKING, Jan. 1 (AFP) — France should supply arms to China, members of a small French Communist Marxist-Leninist Party said here Saturday.

Following talks with Communist Party leader Hu Yaobang and other ranking Chinese officials, the three-man French delegation urged the French government to strengthen its ties with Peking and step up military cooperation. Chinese leaders have repeatedly expressed interest in acquiring sophisticated Western-made arms, with Hu, the right-hand man of Deng Xiaoping,



NEW YEAR: Revellers celebrate the arrival of new year in the fountains of London's Trafalgar Square shortly after midnight. More than 100,000 persons had gathered in the square to give 1983 a grand welcome. Two women were killed in the stampede.

Surging crowd kills two women in Trafalgar Square

LONDON, Jan. 1 (AP) — Two women were killed in a surging crowd during New Year revelry in Trafalgar Square early Saturday and a young man died from a heart attack in a separate incident there, the London ambulance service said.

A spokesman said the women were trampled after they fell down when a temporary crush barrier collapsed. The surge also injured 36 other persons, 25 men and 11 women. Eyewitnesses said the traditional revelry attended by more than 100,000 persons, turned ugly with a lot of hooliganism, flying bottles and fights. Volunteer first aid workers said they treated 502 persons in the square. The ambulance service said that 118

casualties, including the three who died, were taken to hospitals.

Scotland Yard, the London police headquarters, said it was seeking eyewitnesses to determine how the women died. A youth who was present said the crowd surge took place after police moved in to try to separate fighting black and white youths. Stephen Whitaker, 18, told the Associated Press: "I was on the edge of the crowd and saw the fights. Somebody who was closer told me the fighting got worse after a baby was hit on the head and cut by a bottle. A mother who takes her baby to Trafalgar Square on New Year's eve must be mad."

Miami quiet after Bowl parade

MIAMI, Florida, Jan. 1 (AP) — Under a bright moon, only blocks from this week's slum violence, a half million people lined the streets of downtown Miami, cheered the Orange Bowl parade and peacefully ushered in the new year.

"The crowd was well behaved and everything ran very smoothly," Miami police Sgt. George Misch said Friday night after a burst

of fireworks over Biscayne Bay signaled the end to the 49th annual parade.

One bus carrying parade-goers back to their cars was pelted with rocks and bottles as it crossed an intersection in troubled Overtown, where racial violence erupted earlier in the week when a 20-year-old black man was fatally shot by a police officer. Police said none of the passengers was injured.

42 injured in Manila grenade explosion

MANILA, Jan. 1 (AP) — A man threw a hand grenade into a crowd watching new year's tribal dance at Manila's Rizal Park early Saturday, wounding 42 persons, police and hospitals said.

The explosion occurred about 1 a.m. while this capital of 7.5 million people was celebrating the new year with a deafening roar of fireworks. Police said the attacker escaped in the confusion after hurling a fragmentation-type grenade into a huge crowd watching a group of Igorot tribesmen perform an ethnic dance at the capital's biggest park by the bay. "There was a loud explosion and colors went shooting up. I saw people rolling on the ground. I thought, they must have been hit. There was no immediate claim of responsibility but two bombings earlier this week, which left 19 dead and 165 wounded in the provinces, were blamed by police on separatist and Communist rebel groups."

Police investigators said they so far have no clues as to the identity of the grenade thrower or the motive. "It was like a cannon shot, as loud as those cannon booms of salute you hear when the President (Ferdinand E. Marcos) is around," park attendant Diomedes Eusebio, 24, told the Associated Press.

Eusebio said thousands were strolling at the park and hundreds were crowded in a circle watching the tribesmen dance to the beating of a gong when he heard the blast. A stampede broke out. There were cries from the wounded as they fell. "I was at the inner edge of the circle and I had just thrown coins at the dancers when an object, I thought a tin can, landed close and rolled toward us," said Willie Arevalo, a 22-year-old messenger.

Arevalo, wounded in the chest and legs, said he was thrown about 20 feet by the arc of the explosion.

Turkey probes validity of Celenk passport

ANKARA, Jan. 1 (AFP) — The Turkish Foreign Ministry has launched an investigation to determine the validity of the passport of Bekir Celenk, whose extradition Turkey is seeking from Bulgaria, well informed sources reported Saturday.

Celenk, wanted here on currency smuggling charges, is also suspected in Italy of involvement in the assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II in May 1981. The suspect received his passport from the Istanbul Security Department and left Turkey in March 1980, according to official records. A warrant was issued for his arrest ten months later.

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Hong Kong	19	66	21	70	cloudy
Honolulu	14	62	26	79	clear
Jakarta	24	75	31	88	rain
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	33	91	rain
Lima	20	68	28	82	clear
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